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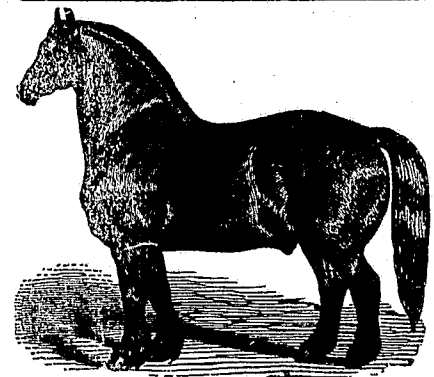
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THE NEWS ABOUT TOWN

ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED UP
BY THE NEWS MAN.

Mr. T. F. Hastings spent Christ-
mas in Portland.

Mr. W. E. Littlehale who has
been quite ill, is improving.

Miss Sarah Farwell is visiting
relatives in Boston and Lowell.

Mr. Will Richardson of Gorham,
N. H., visited Bethel relatives over
Sunday.

Miss Lyle Blanchard went to her
home in Milan, N. H., to spend the
holiday.

Mrs. C. O. Foster is taking vocal
lessons of Miss Henrietta Rice in
Portland.

Miss Helen Bisbee is home from
Boston to spend the holidays with
her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Rice of Nor-
way spent Christmas with rela-
tives in town.

Miss Grace Chapman of Portland
came up to spend the holidays with
Bethel friends.

Will Twitchell of Gilead spent
Christmas at the home of his aunt,
Mrs. Ada Wight.

Miss Agnes Barton went to Bos-
ton, Monday, to enter Emerson
School of Oratory.

Mrs. Merton Fogg is spending
the week with her parents, Mr.
and Mrs. Dana Bartlett.

Mr. and Mrs. Colby of Berlin
visited Mrs. Colby's sister, Miss
Lillian Stearns, over Sunday.

Walter Wight who has been ill
for several weeks past, is now able
to sit up a portion of the time.

Miss Ethel Farwell who is teach-
ing at West Milan, N. H., was at
home for the Christmas holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Archer Grover of
Orono are visiting their parents,
Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Grover.

Miss Grace Dixon of Augusta
came up to spend the holiday with
her sister at Mr. L. T. Barker's.

Mrs. O. M. Mason has been
spending a few days with her
daughter, Miss Alice Mason of Ber-
lin.

Bethel's representatives at the
different colleges are spending the
holiday recess at their respective
homes.

Mr. Arthur Watson of Randolph,
N. H., was a guest at the home of
Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Andrews,
Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Clark of
New York City are spending the
holidays with Mr. Clark's mother
and sister.

Miss Mollie Gill of Boston spent
Christmas with her parents, Mr.
and Mrs. John Gill, returning
home Monday.

Miss Cora Farwell who is teach-
ing in Oxford, spent the holiday
recess with her parents, Mr. and
Mrs. Will Farwell.

Mr. Fred Merrill of Harvard Law
School is with his parents, Mr.
and Mrs. Edmund Merrill, during
the holiday recess.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson and
daughter Eleanor, of Berlin, spent
Christmas at the Chapman home-
stead just below the village.

The Bethel Athletic Association
will give a dance in Odeon Hall
to-morrow evening, Dec. 30. Good
music. Come, everybody.

Dr. J. Norman Gehring, Mrs.
Gehring and their daughters spent
Christmas with Mrs. Gehring's
parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. R.
Wiley, returning to Portland, Mon-
day.

The regular monthly business
meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. will
be held at the parsonage next Mon-
day evening, Jan. 2, at 7:45. As
this is the first meeting of the new
term, it is hoped that all the new
officers will be present and help
plan the work for the coming six
months.

It is said that the typewriter has
enormously increased the number
of business letters, while the use
of the telegraph is also constantly
increasing. Nevertheless, more
than one-third of all the communi-
cations in the United States last
year (both by mail and wire) were
in the form of telephone messages
over the lines of the Bell system.

Miss Anna Hanscom of Poland
is visiting at F. E. Hanscom's.

Mrs. E. C. Vandekerckhoven
has been entertaining her aunt.

The Ladies' Club will meet with
Mrs. E. E. Whitney, Thursday after-
noon.

E. C. Bowler is on a business
trip in Massachusetts and Rhode
Island.

Mr. Toland, of the Aroostook
Times, Houlton, has been visiting
friends in town.

Mr. Geo. B. Farnsworth of
Harvard Medical school, is at home
for the holidays.

The Columbian Club will meet
with Mrs. A. E. Herrick Friday
afternoon, at three o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wiley of
Boston, who have spent the past
month in Bethel, went away Mon-
day.

Miss Susie Hutchins who recent-
ly returned from her school on the
coast, is spending the winter at the
Howard.

The short Christmas recess was
enjoyed by the students of the
Academy, many going to their
homes.

Mrs. Dorr and daughter Phenie
of Holbrook, Mass., are visiting at
the home of her brother, Rev. A.
D. Colson.

Mr. Rodney Macdonald of the
Pennsylvania Railroad was in
town on business with the News,
Tuesday.

G. E. Ryerson will receive an-
other consignment of horses to-
night. These are workers, first
class and ready for business.

Dr. Edgar Barker of Portland,
who will be pleasantly remem-
bered by many of the Bethel people,
was calling upon friends recently.

All Odd Fellows and their fam-
ilies are invited to the installation
of officers of Sunset Rebekah
Lodge next Monday evening at
8 o'clock.

A union service will be held at
the Universalist church next Sun-
day evening. All are cordially in-
vited to be present. Special music
will be rendered.

Mrs. W. A. Bunting and little
daughters Muriel and Ethel of
Groveton, N. H., are staying for a
time with Mrs. Bunting's parents,
Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Chandler.

Mrs. T. H. Chapman passed
away, Tuesday evening, after a
prolonged illness. The funeral
service will be held at her late resi-
dence, Friday afternoon, at half
past one o'clock.

Hon. and Mrs. J. M. Philbrook,
Dr. Sturdivant and family, Mr. E.
C. Bowler and family and Mr.
Nelson W. Brown were entertain-
ed, Monday, by Rev. and Mrs. C.
N. Gleason.

The last report from Mr. H. A.
Packard who is at the Central
Maine General Hospital, Lewiston,
is that he is slowly recovering
from the effects of a serious opera-
tion which he underwent a week
ago yesterday.

Miss Burns of New York, is car-
ing for Miss Alice Billings who re-
turned home, last Friday. Miss
Billings' many friends are pleased
to see her home again and ap-
pearing so much improved in
health.

The installation of officers of the
Eastern Star will be held on Wed-
nesday, evening, Jan. 4, to which
all Masons and their families are
invited. The ladies of the order
are requested to meet with Mrs.
Putnam at The Howard, to-morrow
at 3 p. m.

The Bowdoin Dramatic Club, of
which E. L. Harvey is president,
has decided to present The Magis-
trate by A. W. Pinero. This is a
roaring three act comedy with six-
teen characters, twelve male and
four female. At the trials, last
week, Mr. Harvey was assigned the
part of the Magistrate. The club
is fortunate in securing the services
of Sam'l E. Smith, Bow-
doin '82, of Rockland, as coach.

Modern Woodmen of America.
Mr. F. J. Wight has resigned his
office as Consul of Bethel Camp
No. 10,505, M. W. of A. Dr. I. H.
Wight has been elected to fill the
vacancy, and will be installed by
Deputy Vose who is here in the
interest of the order.

Observance of Christmas.

Christmas is one of the few hol-
idays the spirit of which has not
become lost or supplanted by ob-
servances quite foreign to the orig-
inal intent and purpose of those
days.

Fast Day is really no longer a
day of fasting and prayer; Thank-
sgiving Day can hardly be consid-
ered a day of real thanksgiving to
God for the many blessings of
which we are all constant recip-
ients; Independence Day is no
longer characterized by that real
enthusiastic celebration which is
born of patriotism; while Memori-
al Day has come to know far too
much of base-ball and other sports
in place of martial music, patriot-
ic exercises and loyal service.

The old-time Christmas with its
spirit of joy and service, its spirit
of laughter and song, its spirit of
loving and giving, remains with
all its light and life and blessing,
ever approached in fond and joyful
anticipation and ever met with
happy hearts and overflowing
souls.

The usual exercises were held in
the various churches in the vil-
lage, and were generally partici-
pated in and enjoyed.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Saturday evening was indeed a
happy one at Garland chapel. No
elaborate program had been ar-
ranged, yet nothing had been left
undone to make the event a happy
one for the little folks. The
Ladies' Club had prepared the reg-
ular Christmas supper to which
all were cordially invited, and in
which about one hundred joyfully
participated.

Early in the day Sunday school
committees had arranged two nice
trees in the chapel parlor, decorat-
ed them very prettily, and had
everything in readiness to display
the many nice things brought by
Santa Claus and his friends, and
when everything was in place,
trees, decorations, presents, bright
faces and happy voices, the scene
was indeed a pretty one and a real
"Merry Christmas."

A few brief exercises by the
smaller classes in the Sunday
school were had and then the jingle
of Santa Claus' sleigh bells in
the distance, caused the sparkle of
many a bright eye. All were re-
membered and all seemed happy
over Santa's selections. The hun-
dreds of nice things having been
distributed, "A Merry Christmas
to All" was extended and the party
went home, the little ones to hang
their stockings, and the older ones
to receive many gifts not present-
ed by Santa Claus.

Sunday morning an able and in-
teresting Christmas sermon was
preached by the pastor, and was
enjoyed by a large congregation.
Most fitting and excellent music
was furnished by the choir.

Sunday evening a very brief
Christian Endeavor service was
held, followed by a little concert by
the Sunday school. The exercises
though brief were well prepared,
and were bright and interesting.
The chapel was crowded and all
were pleased with the exercises.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

The exercises here were unique
indeed. The usual supper was
served by the Ladies' Circle, fol-
lowed by the Christmas exercises
which consisted of the reception of
Santa Claus, who came down a
bona fide chimney, out from a real
fireplace and distributed a profu-
sion of gifts from the trees, decor-
ated in the usual manner with
their rich mid-winter fruit.

METHODIST CHURCH.

The Rev. F. C. Potter has been
a very busy man during the hol-
iday season, the three societies
comprising the circuit each hav-
ing received due time and consid-
eration in their turn, a full ac-
count of which will appear in our
next issue.

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OBITUARY.

MRS. ELICE J. COLE.

Mrs. Ellice J., wife of Dennis W.
Cole, died at her late home in East
Bethel, Saturday morning, Dec.
10, 1904.

Mrs. Cole was born in Green-
wood, June 24, 1843, and was the
oldest daughter of John and Har-
riet (Cummings) Howe. She was
married Nov. 24, 1875, to Dennis
W. Cole of Greenwood, where they
made their first home, moving
to East Bethel in 1881.

Mrs. Cole died of heart failure,
caused by a severe shock, which
she sustained Sept. 4, losing the
use of one side, but retaining her
mental faculties to the last; all
her sufferings were borne with her
usual Christian fortitude and pa-
tient resignation which seemed all
the more remarkable because of
the active and abundant work of
all her days, and the suddenness
of the change which her illness
brought upon her. She was ten-
derly cared for by her faithful com-
panion who has been constantly by
her side during the trying days of
the past three months.

When twenty-two years of age,
she became a Christian, uniting
with the Methodist church, and
always lived a devoted and con-
sistent life, her belief and daily
doings blended with each other,
being a sure indorsement of true
and undefiled religion which
should be an inspiration to those
who mourn for her, and the many
friends who will so sadly miss her.

Besides her husband she leaves
three step-sons to whom she has
always filled the place of a loving
and faithful mother; they are
Fred H. and Elmer D. Cole who re-
side in Washington, D. C., and
Lamonte E. Cole who has recently
moved home to care for his
father and mother.

Monday forenoon prayer services
were held at her late home, follow-
ed by funeral services at the Locke
Mills Union church, conducted by
Rev. F. C. Potter of the Metho-
dist church, Bethel; interment in
Locke Mills cemetery by the
side of her only daughter who
died one year ago.

The deepest sympathy is extend-
ed this companion, in this, his
second great sorrow, who can say
as one of old, "Thou hast removed
the desires of mine eyes with a
stroke."

The Storm.

The snow storm which prevailed
in Bethel yesterday, doing no dam-
age and apparently much good,
was very different from the terribly
disastrous storm which swept all
other parts of the country east of
the Rocky Mountains. In the
West, the blizzard was, most de-
structive in its results, especially
in regard to railway traffic, some
trains being twenty-four hours
late.

In New York a dense fog stopped
all business in the harbor, foreign
steamers not daring to attempt an
entrance. Several accidents were
occasioned by the fog, but no fa-
talities reported.

At Boston, and in fact along the
New England coast, the fog obtain-
ed, while in Bangor a foot of snow
delighted the hearts of the lumber
men.

Methodist Episcopal Notes.

While we were enjoying these
days of festivity, much of the
world still lay in poverty, sorrow
or sin. Did we forget them? Not
altogether, for some boxes of pres-
ents found their way to the poor
of the cities from this church.

But the church must remember
that a harvest of souls for the Lord
ought to come now to properly
complete the Christmas days. To
this end we plan special meetings
for a few weeks. There will be a
cottage meeting at the home of I.
S. Morrill on Thursday evening.
All are invited. On Friday eve-
ning a cottage meeting at the
home of H. H. Annas; Saturday
evening at the vestry of our
church. Union meeting at the
Universalist church on Sabbath
evening.

Truth for the Holidays.

"Does mistletoe bear fruit?"
"Yes, my son, very often. For-
bidden fruit"

AGAIN IT IS A PLEAS-
URE FOR ME TO EXTEND
TO YOU MY BEST WISH-
ES FOR A PROSPEROUS
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.
THERE IS NO SUCCESS
YOU COULD ATTAIN BUT
I WOULD WISH YOU
EVEN MORE. I THANK
YOU FOR YOUR MANY
FAVORS AND THE PAT-
RONAGE THAT HAS
MADE THE PAST YEAR
ONE OF THE BEST MY
BUSINESS HAS EVER
SEEN AND TRUST BY
SERVING YOU FAITH-
FULLY TO MERIT YOUR
FUTURE ESTEEM, CON-
FIDENCE, AND PATRON-
AGE. EDWARD KING.

Capt. Baldwin's Airship.

Speaking of the recent trial in
California of Capt. Baldwin's air-
ship California Arrow, which made
several successful flights from the
exposition grounds at St. Louis,
last summer, an exchange says:

The Arrow sailed with the wind
northeastward for a distance of be-
tween eight and ten miles, thence
eastward for two miles and return-
ed in the face of a twelve mile gale
to a point directly above the start-
ing place. Owing to the supply of
gasoline running short, the driver
was unable to effect a landing
at exactly the desired spot. The
flight lasted an hour and thirteen
minutes and in that time sailed a
distance of probably twenty miles.
When flying with the wind the
Arrow traveled at a speed of twenty
miles an hour and returning di-
rectly in the face of the strong
southeasterly gale was able to make
a rate of speed reckoned at between
six and eight miles an hour.

The airship was manoeuvred in
every direction, responding readily
to its rudder, circling and turning
in any direction, sailing directly in
the face of the wind or at an angle
and rising and dipping as the
operator directed. The Arrow
rose at times to a height of prob-
ably three thousand feet or more,
with the driver regulating the
height by shifting his weight and
raising or lowering the bow of the
craft as he desired to ascend or de-
scend.

Services at Congregational Church.

A union fellowship service will
be held at the Universalist church,
Sunday evening, Jan. 1, in which
the three churches will participate
and to which everybody is most
cordially invited.

At the Congregational church
the first Sunday of the year, will
be a fellowship service. The Com-
munion of the Lord's Supper will
be celebrated, and a response from
each member, present and absent,
is expected at the roll-call. So far
as possible let every church
member be present. All others
are also invited.

The pastor of the Congregational
church begins with this week's
issue, a series of articles entitled
"Thoughts on the International
Sunday School Lessons." These
will be found each week on page 3,
and are commended to the reading
public.

The first number of a very neat
little monthly church paper en-
titled, "The Congregational Stand-
ard," has just been issued from
the News press. It contains mat-
ter of general religious interest
and is attractive in its contents
and form. The subscription price
is thirty-five cents a year, single
copies, five cents each. This pa-
per will be for sale on Miss Hall's
news stand.

Lost.

Somewhere between store of Miss
E. E. Burnham and house of E. C.
Park, last Thursday, a black
satin belt with cut steel buckle.
Will finder please leave with E. C.
Park.

Found.

Someone left at Odeon Hall at
the time of the recent Universalist
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get the same by calling at house of
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TRAINS GOING EAST.

	A. M.	P. M.
Island Pond, leave...	1.45	6.30
Gorham,	4.00	8.20
Gilead,	4.25	8.40
West Bethel,	4.38	8.50
BETHEL, arrive,	4.46	9.00
Locke Mills,	4.57	9.10
Bryant Pond,	5.05	9.18
South Paris,	5.38	9.44
Lewiston,	6.05	10.45
Portland, arrive,	7.30	11.30
Boston, via rail,	12.45	4.10
Boston, via boat,	3.00	

TRAINS GOING WEST.

	A. M.	P. M.
Portland, leave,	8.15	1.30
Lewiston,	9.00	2.25
South Paris,	10.07	3.22
Bryant Pond,	10.34	4.02
Locke Mills,	10.41	4.12
BETHEL, arrive,	10.50	4.25
West Bethel,	10.57	4.35
Gilead,	11.07	4.51
Gorham,	11.30	5.40
Island Pond,	1.30	7.50
Montreal,	6.50	7.00
Toronto,	7.15	4.50
Chicago,	8.45	7.20

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CHAPTER XIV.
BETHIA TELLS THE TRUTH.
Molly had caught cold, and as her chest was delicate, Davida commanded her to remain in bed, with a steam-kettle in the room, and poultices on her chest. She attended to her young mistress herself, leaving the kitchen-cleaning to Mrs. MacLaren and Bethia; and as it was a beautiful frosty day, Molly fairly drove her cousin out of doors, so that he house was comparatively empty, Lord Cantyre having gone to show his friend the famous Links.

At luncheon Eve and the earl returned together, but Bertie was not to be seen, and Molly sent down Davida to see that the Professor was torn from the laboratory, and to ask if any one had heard news of her brother.

Davida was gone some time, and when she returned Molly saw that she was the bearer of no satisfactory news. "I've been gone a long time," Davida said, "but I'd some work to get your father to come; and I'm sorry to say, Miss Molly, that he's taken back Sandy, after a' my hopes that he'd had the go-by for good an' a'. There he was, working away as calm as ye like, and as impudent as ye like." She produced a letter from her pocket then. "It seems that he left this for you, and that he's off by the train."

"But why did he not come to see me? Has he gone to Edinburgh?"

"He had letters by the forenoon post, Bethia said, and rung the bell, and asked if you were up. You were asleep then, it was just after I'd taken off the poultices and Bethia told him. She said he went leaping upstairs, and made her bring his Gladstone bag, a' in great excitement, and then he dashed down again, and wrote this letter took a bit o' chicken, and then went tearing to the station, carrying his ain bag. There's never a time, Miss Molly, that you're laid up, and my hands full, but that things gang wrang i' this house. His dannels were no' aired. Bethia took them in frae the laundry as they were."

Molly had opened the envelope, and was now rapidly reading the contents. Bertie wrote in much haste, in his usual sprawling hand, with many dashes and points of exclamation.

"I have just had a most surprising letter, Molly. As I hear you are ill and asleep I won't wake or worry you. You know I told you of my friend Bertram, the leading tenor at the Gaiety. He always used to say that I ought to go on the comic opera stage, and I said I wished to goodness I could! I wrote to him lately, when I was so sick of things, and asked if he could lend me some money, and I had a letter from him to-day, to say that he could not spare a fiver, but that a fellow he knew, who had got a leading part in the company, that's going to the States with Pretty Pansy, had failed them, and that I could have the part if I liked! I knew the music, he'd heard me sing it often, and the manager took his word for my voice. It was the rarest chance! They start on Friday by the Teutonic. He said I was to meet him in London to-morrow, if I could come, and it would be all arranged. I am to have ten guineas a week, and it will be no end of fun! So I am off, Molly, and you can break it to the governor. I knew it would upset him fearfully if I dashed into the laboratory, and he'd never get it into his head within half an hour! So you take your time and tell him!"

"I have only paper enough to add that you are not to worry about that story I told you. I have had an awful slice of luck, and it's paid!!! I wrote and posted the letter to Thorpe senior last night; but I'm not allowed to tell you how I got the money. Write to the St. Pancras Hotel, soon. Tell Davida I'm engaged as a clown in a circus! She'll enjoy that!"

"Your loving,
"BERTIE."

Molly laid down this epistle, too bewildered at first to take in its full meaning, but as it dawned upon her, she lay back upon her pillows feeling blank and bewildered. The whole thing sounded so unlikely, so amazing, Bertie had had "a slice of luck!" Some one had paid £200 for him! Who could it possibly be? No one in all St. Rule's, she was certain of that. None of Bertie's friends or acquaintances had anything like that sum to spare. He "was not allowed to say who it was." Why not? He had left for the States, or was to leave on Friday!

"Whaur has he gone, Miss Molly?" Molly explained as well as she could, Davida lifting her hands in horror. "On the stage! Singing on the stage!" The Professor's son! This is an awful come down! He's daft, Miss Molly, clean daft! He should be pit in restraint!"

"Oh, I don't know that it is as bad as all that, Davida," Molly said, trying to be cheerful. "Of course it's a wonderfully good salary, and Bertie has a lovely voice. I don't think he would ever have settled down at St. Rule's to help Father, he is not the least bit scientific. I am afraid he isn't very clever. And if he is to be happy in this life—"

"Happy, Miss Molly! W! a lot o' dancin' painted Jezebels! I've seen them in Dundee, and a woman I kent described to me aince what she called a 'pantomime.' A pretty pantomime it was! Kicking a' ower the place, she said, I pink muslin petticoats up till her knees! A lot o' stuff an' havers ye couldn't understand! No a word o' sense or edification! I will never dae to let this come oot i' the toon. We'll just say 'hat he's gane to the States on 'business.' For pity's sake, Miss Molly, just ca' it 'business!'"

Molly laughed at that, but when the old servant went away she read and reread the letter, puzzled and rather troubled.

She had just laid it aside on the table, when Bethia appeared with a tray which Davida had sent up; and then Molly noticed that the girl was hesitating, as if unwilling to depart. Molly had always been kind to Bethia, and had stood between her and a good many scoldings. She thought something was wrong in that direction now.

"What is it, Bethia?" she said now in her gentle voice. "Do you want to ask me something? Is it the New-year's Ball?"

"No, Miss Molly, it's nothing like that. It's something—it's something I wanted to say."

"Yes, Bethia."

"The Professor sent for us—Davida and me—just now," Bethia said, looking round carefully to see that the door was shut. "He said that the superintendent was coming this morning, and was going to ask us a lot of questions. Before that, Mr. Marshland was here just before lunch, and he called me into the library and asked a heap o' questions."

"Yes, Bethia."

The girl hesitated again. "They ask such a lot of questions, Miss Molly. What we were doing every moment of that afternoon. And there was something—something I wanted to say."

"Yes, Bethia."

"I don't want to say anything, but I thought I would tell you about it," Bethia said; she came up to the bed then and stooped over her young mistress, whispering the next words:

"The gentleman was particular in asking if I'd seen anyone come out of the library after the fire. I said—I said—No."

"It was—it was the truth, Bethia, was it not? You did not see anyone?"

"Yes, Miss Molly, I did!"

"Bethia!"

"I'll tell you how it was, Miss Molly. You said to me to run, just as I was, and see about the fire-engine, but I was an awful mess, and I thought I'd just run upstairs and get my hat and jacket, I didn't dare go by the back stairs, for Davida was coming too, and she wouldn't have let me. I was coming down again—I hadn't been a minute—when I met Mr. Bertie coming out of the drawing room. He seemed to be angry when he saw me on the stairs, and said why hadn't I gone for the fire-engine. I didn't say anything about meeting him, I thought it better not, but I wanted to tell you. And this afternoon, when I got him his Gladstone bag, he gave me this, Miss Molly, and said not to mention anything about meeting him coming out o' the drawing-room that day. I promised I wouldn't."

There was a dead silence after this, and the two looked into each other's faces. Bethia was an intelligent girl, and she had evidently put two and two together. Molly had been kind to her, as has been said, and Bethia was very fond of Molly. She saw the color fade now from her young mistress's face. Molly sat staring straight before her. What could this mean?

Bertie needed the money desperately—he had already committed a forgery—he declared his debt had been paid, but refused to tell how—he had suddenly left the place, and was leaving the country! A stranger hearing this story would inevitably conclude—

"Don't look so white, Miss Molly; I'll not breathe a word of it to anyone." Bethia whispered, "least of all to Davida. Davida would not tell a lie for all the universe. Hush, here she comes!"

CHAPTER XV. MOLLY'S SECRET.

Christmas passed with a strange heavy cloud hanging over the old house, and when Lord Cantyre left to pay some visits in Edinburgh, Molly was still confined to her room, and, rather to Davida's surprise, did not make any very apparent effort to leave it. Hitherto she had been always anxious to return to her duties at once, and it was Davida who had urged caution and care. On this occasion, however, Davida would have seen her charge anxious to be up and down stairs again. She could not quite understand Molly at this crisis, though the girl, knowing the warm and tender heart which beat for her under Davida's austere exterior, carried a brave front to the old servant, and before her was apparently cheerful and at ease.

She was not so careful before her friend. She said sometimes to her cousin that she could not have got on without her. For it was wonderful how useful Eve had become in the house, and how she had won even Davida's respect and admiration. "There's nae doot," Davida said, "that Miss Luttrell has her head weel set on her shoulders."

Which was much for her to say. Eve was standing by Molly's chair to-day, looking out upon the old chapel, and Molly's delicate face was turned towards the fire, which her cousin had just replenished with logs. The room was bright and cheerful, and Eve had been arranging a glorious bunch of yellow chrysanthemums at the invalid's elbow; but there was

no brightness at the small white face, and Molly's silence seemed at last to strike her companion as she turned from the window.

"You can't think, Molly, how lovely the chapel looks in the snow. The tombstones are covered, and the ivy is laden down. Why don't you come to the window and look out? You don't half realize your privileges in having a view like this to look at."

"No, I suppose I don't," Molly said listlessly. "And of course it is very lovely. Have you heard anything about the detective? Davida told me that it was said in the town that one had arrived from London."

Eve's face changed then, and she turned her back on the chapel with a sharp breath.

"I heard that Lord Cantyre had sent for a detective. I met him in the street yesterday, but he was with Professor Arundel, so I didn't stop. Can't we leave the question of the diamond alone, Molly? I am so sick of hearing about it on all hands. I've really given up walking in the streets now, and betaken myself to the cliffs altogether. It is every second person I meet, 'Any news about the diamond, Miss Luttrell?' till I am sick of the very word."

Molly leant back in her chair once more, taking up a Japanese fan, which she held before her face. Eve had gone back again to the chapel, and was drumming with one hand lightly on the pines.

"Do you remember saying, Eve, that you wished he would not bring it to this house?" she said very low. "I have often thought of that. I wish so too, I wish we had never heard of it. It has brought nothing but misery and misfortune."

"Molly, why do you take this thing so desperately at heart?" she asked abruptly. "I don't know why you should. After all it has nothing to do with you or yours. And if the thief is discovered—well, he deserves his fate, does he not? All wrong-doing deserves its punishment, that's your creed, Molly, isn't it, and the creed of all good Christian people? Davida isn't alone in rejoicing in the inevitable punishment for the wicked, and in the necessity of paying the uttermost farthing. Though, of course, you put that all in a milder way, if you put it in words at all. Why should it all hurt and grieve you so much?"

Molly had let the fan fall. She had a wild desire to confide in Eve—to tell someone—to get some light on her darkness. And the girl she knew was faithful; the secret would be safe with her forever.

"Eve," she began in a strangled voice, "I want to tell you something. I want to confide in you. It is driving me mad, I feel as if I must tell someone. Only promise—swear to me that you will not say a word to anyone of what I am going to tell you."

The angry bitterness died out of Eve's face as the girl spoke in her piteous despairing voice. She came nearer to her, and bending down, put her arm gently round Molly's shoulders. "What is it, little Molly?" she said. "Can't bear to hear you speak like that, child; I can't bear to see you look like this. Your eyes are heavy and tired and restless, you haven't been sleeping for nights. I know that look. Oh, Molly, you were made for brightness and lightheartedness, my dear, not for care! What is it? What is troubling you?"

"Eve, the diamond! I am wondering if Bertie took it."

The other girl started back from her as if in utter amazement, and her face darkened again. "You foolish child! Oh, Molly, you foolish child!"

"He needed the money desperately, Eve. I can't tell you the whole story, but he had to have £200. It would have meant prison and disgrace if he had not. And before he left he wrote to me that he had got the money, but he could not tell me how. And then, there is worse to follow."

She finished the story of Bethia's confession, whispering in the other's ear. Eve rose thoughtfully then, and paced the floor, her head bent.

"You don't answer, Eve; you believe it is true?"

"No, Molly, I don't think I do," the girl answered slowly. "In fact, I am sure that I do not. I don't say that there are very suspicious circumstances. His sudden engagement to the Opera Company may be possible, but it sounded, somehow, rather improbable. Still, of course, a great many improbable things do happen. His being able to pay his debt is curious, but may have quite a natural explanation. As for Bethia's story, I don't know that I should place much credit upon it. Bertie may have gone oack into the library again. I don't see exactly why, but he may have gone for some perfectly innocent reason. To tell you the truth, Molly, I don't think Bertie has the brains or the courage to plan a big thing like this. He is weak, but I don't think he is wicked."

"Weak people do desperate things, sometimes," Molly said with truth; but the other only shook her head. "I don't think he has done this; I don't think he is a good enough actor. His bursts of anger with you, Molly, when I scared you, by saying that both he and I had had an opportunity of taking the diamond, was too natural, I think, to be feigned."

It flashed across her mind, however, as she spoke, that on several occasions Master Bertie had rather surprised her by the glossiness of his excuses on certain points; and the old puzzle was creeping over her again, when Davida entered the room, saying that Mr. Cameron was downstairs.

"The room is quite warm, Molly, I saw to the fire before I came up," Eve said at that. "Put on your new dress and go down and see him."

Molly had risen at once, and had gone to the wardrobe with a bright flush staining her delicate face. She looked round at her cousin as she took out the dress.

"Won't you come too, Eve?"

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"Number three, Molly? Oh no, I am going out for a walk. If you manage to keep Mr. Cameron till tea-time, I shall see him then."

She walked resolutely away while Molly was twisting up her dark hair, and when she passed the drawing-room door Neil was standing by the fireplace wondering if that was her step. He thought it was, and his face shadowed as it went past on the tiled hall and did not enter.

When Molly entered the room, he went forward to meet her with both hands outstretched, and drew her gently to the cushioned ingle-neuk. There he ensconced her, and putting some cushions behind her, stood, looking very big and broad on the bearskin rug. Molly looked up at him with tender eyes, forgetting everything but the pure joy of seeing him again. "I have been to Edinburgh on business, Molly, or I would have been here before," he said. "I was so sorry to hear from Davida that you had had another attack of bronchitis. How do you get them, little girl? You are looking very much pulled down. Davida said you had not been sleeping well."

"Davida mustn't entertain you with accounts of my ailments," Molly said, trying desperately to speak cheerfully. "I want to hear about your business, Neil, all about yourself. The flowers you sent were lovely; Eve has just been arranging them in my room. She arranges flowers, as she does everything else, beautifully."

He did not seem very much inclined, Molly saw, to give her any particulars regarding the business in Edinburgh.

"I don't think my business would interest you, Molly," he said, "and I have heard no St. Rule's news since I left. What about this extraordinary theft? Cantyre was in last night, and was telling me about it. He seems quite sure that it was a clever scheme planned by a London thief. What do you think?"

He was not looking at her, or he would have seen that Molly's color faded, and that her hands clasped themselves in her lap.

"I—I don't know what to think," she faltered. "It is a horrible thing. Does Lord Cantyre seem very much distressed? I saw him so little. I was ill just after the discovery."

"Distressed? Oh, I think it would take a great deal to distress Cantyre," Cameron said, smiling. "Of course, he is rather furious over it; but he gave me the most ludicrous account of the fire—Davida prone upon the floor, amidst the wreckage of broken dishes, and Bertie and himself as black as sweeps! By the by, what a fortunate thing this engagement is for Bertie! The Professor doesn't mind it, I see. You are not fretting about that, little girl, are you?"

He sat down beside her on the sofa, and Molly leant her head against his arm with bent face. She could not tell Neil; no, she could not bring herself to whisper this dreadful suspicion to him. He was so upright, so honorable, the very breath of such a suspicion would horrify him, and yet how could she deceive him?

"No, I don't think Father minds so very much," she faltered. "I think he had begun to see that Bertie never would have gone in for science; and Father is very busy just now. Sandy is back, and the experiments are going very well. You might look in at the laboratory before you go, Neil; he always likes to see you."

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There was a strange ring of passion in his voice, and yet, oddly enough, something in the tone did not carry the comfort that it should have done to the girl's sensitive ear; she was looking up at him, half-wonderingly. He had never been a man of many words, or of many endearments, their wooing had been very quiet and restrained. He was a true Scot, and could not "heave his heart into his mouth." But somehow, of late, she had had a vague feeling in their interviews that there was something wanting, something lacking—a strange cold want, that brought an ache to her heart, and a hunger, though she had never put these thoughts into words. It only meant that he was busy, she said to herself, absorbed in his work. Science, as she well knew, was utterly absorbing.

"Can't you tell me, Molly?"

"No, Neil."

She might have answered him otherwise, perhaps, if his request had been urged with caresses, with a lover's entreaties. But there was that in his manner which vaguely chilled, and threw her back upon herself. He would do anything for her, anything in the world. Why should he say so with such a ring of pain?

In any case she could not tell him; that was all she knew.

He rose and went up to the fire then, and they talked of other things, till he had entered with tea; and then Cameron said he would run round to the laboratory. Molly and Neil parted at the French window, and Neil went out by it to the garden.

(To be Continued.)

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AN ENTHUSIAST.

There's Bill—I guess you never seen a feller that's his beat. He's jest an idjut, slick an' clean, A ravin' coot, complete, He's alus tryin' suttin' which No man o' sense would dast, But some claims that's because he's sich A great enthooslast.

He'll figger out a poultry yard From one lone speckled hen. A naught an' one, it isn't hard To make appear like ten. Mebbe the rest of us is slow, But he's a sight too fast, Or would be—if we didn't know He's an enthooslast.

You jest give Bill a pint o' seed An' he has got a crop. A cast-off horseshoe's all he'll need To start a blacksmith shop. He'll build a house with half a brick An' live in it at last. It's Latin for a loonatic, That word "enthooslast."

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Title.—Christ the Light and Life of
Men. Scripture, John 1: 1-18.Golden Text.—In Him was life; and
the life was the light of men: John 1: 4.

Open your Bible at the first of Genesis and you read, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." The opening words of this wonderful gospel of John are, "In the beginning was the word." Two great truths about the beginning. First, the world creation, the crown of which is man; second, the assurance that in the beginning the "word" already was.

What is the significance of this? The "word" means (for all practical purposes) the manifestation, the declaration, the revealed will of God, or God manifesting, declaring Himself. This manifestation of God was made before man was created; see verse 3d of the lesson and Col. 1: 16 (R. V.) so that when man came into being, not only was this magnificent world fitted up for him, but also, God was ready to speak to him; to begin to reveal Himself to humanity.

Now great ideas do not immediately flash themselves into man's crude mind; he must be prepared to receive them. The child goes to school and at the first absorbs but little truth. Again and again he goes, line upon line he learns, or stone upon stone is laid of the foundation of learning, until by gradual process the mind is prepared to receive deeper truths. So was it historically in the necessary system of God, as he revealed Himself to man, by the eternal word; through the patriarchs, by the prophets, though many varieties of experience, (see Heb. 1: 1). As the lesson of the text book is brought to the scholar by different teachers, so was His truth brought to the world, until finally the light became most brilliant. (Heb. 11: 1-3.) On that glad morning, (just celebrated), the eternal word was born in the blessed infant, of the Virgin Mary, and as Jesus grew, the divine light, the word grew in Him, until He was ready to begin His great work of revealing the Father to men by His teachings and life. So we come to our lesson of to-day, which declares that Jesus the Christ, Son of God, eternal word, came to lighten the world.

But He is more than a light. It would be something to throw light upon our darkened pathway; and yet we often see the way but have no mind to walk in it. He is also the life and brings to those who will receive Him, the will to choose and walk in the path so brilliantly lighted by his teaching.

But again; this life and light are one. "The life was the light of men." Here is another blessed truth. His life is so bright and beautiful, that when I see it I want it! He is the greatest of men; the purest, the truest; the manliest, the noblest; all that is of good in me cries out for Him, and it is only the mean and base in me that repudiates Him.

But alas, some did and many still do, put this glorious life aside. "He came unto his own and they that were his own, received Him not." Who were they? The Jews, the chosen and wonderfully blessed people of God. They cried "Away with Him," and finally crucified Him. Most unhappy people! It is an historic fact that a curse, deep and deadly, has ever since rested upon them. Happy the world had these unbelieving Jews been the last to reject the "word." "He came unto His own."

Why are not the men and women and youth in this Christian land, everyone in Bethel, His own? They are as truly His creation as was Adam; they are as certainly kept by His providence as was Israel; as truly those for whom the Christ died, as were they; with a thousandfold more natural, social, educational blessings than had they; living in the noontide of His revelation, while they dwell in its dawn; surely, surely it shall be said of those who push aside the Christ, to-day, "He came unto His own, and they that were his own received Him not."

"But to as many as received Him, he gave the power (right) to become the sons of God." Have you received Him? "No." Then what "right" have you to call God your Father? Have you received Him? "Yes." Then you are in-

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The Sunday school lesson of to-day brings to me these conclusions: I am glad because of the coming into the world of the "word"; I rejoice that He is both light and life; I am glad that He gives both the right and the power to become sons of God; I will receive Him as my life; I will endeavor to walk in His light!

May you also, friends, whoever you are that read these lesson thoughts, be glad that the "word" of light and life has come; and may you walk in His light and live His life. A happy year will this be to all who do.

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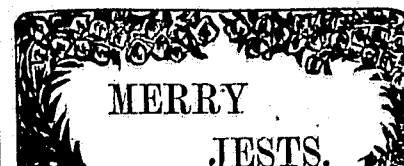
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GETTING A GOOD DINNER.

A gentleman played off a rich joke on his better half. Being somewhat of an epicure, he took it into his head that morning that he should like to have a first-rate dinner in the evening. So he addressed her a note from the city, politely informing her that a gentleman of her acquaintance, an old and true friend, would dine with her that day.

As soon as she had received it all hands went to work to get everything in order. Precisely on time she was prepared to receive her guest. A sumptuous dinner was on the table and she was arrayed in her best attire. A gentle knock was heard, and when the drawing room door opened she saw her husband with smiling countenance.

"Why, my dear," said she, in an anxious tone, "where is the gentleman of whom you spoke in your note?" "Why," replied the husband, complacently, "here he is."

"You said a gentleman of my acquaintance, an old and true friend."

"Well," said he, good-humoredly, "am I not a gentleman of your acquaintance and an old and true friend?"

"Q," she cried, disappointedly, "this is too bad."

The husband laughed immoderately, but finally sat down cozily together, and for once he had a good dinner without having company.—London Tit-Bits.

Puff of Fame.

Justice Brewer is from Kansas, and his state is justifiably proud of him. Soon after his elevation to the supreme bench a cigar manufacturer in Topeka dedicated a 10-cent "domestic" cigar to the jurist, named it "Our Justice," and on the cover of each box pasted a portrait of Mr. Brewer.

A few years after the justice was in Topeka on a business trip. The hotel clerk recognized him, and the negro bell boy, although he had no idea who the newcomer was, knew from the way he was ordered about that the patron was of some consequence. Going up the elevator the negro stared constantly at the tall, dignified man.

Suddenly the black face was wreathed in smiles, and the boy said:

"Scuse me, boss, but ain't you de gemmon dat invented dem 'Ouah Jestie cigars'?"

This reminds one of the man who was recalling famous persons who "parted their names in the middle."

"And then," he said, "there is 'E. Pluribus Unum,' the man that makes the base-drum."—Kansas City Journal.

Local Entertainment.

A newcomer from the metropolis, feeling sure that the people of the little mountain settlement in the Cumberland lands would be interested to know in advance the date of a certain event, asked permission to place the following clipping from his daily paper in the window of the little postoffice: "A total lunar eclipse will take place to-morrow between 8 and 9 p. m."

Not long after there was a knock at the door of his cottage near by. A half-grown girl stood there, industriously twisting the corner of her ragged apron.

"Please, sir," she began, hurriedly, "mother wants to know if it's to be in the chapel of the schoolhouse. And may I be doorkeeper? I kept it for the waxworks last year, and there didn't a soul get past me 'bout puttin' in!"

—Youth's Companion.

LATER TOMMY GOT A LICKING.



Rev. Dr. Thirdly (visiting)—Tommy do you know what a miracle is?

Tommy—Yes; pop said it would be a miracle if you didn't stay to dinner.

Extravagance in Kansas. There was something new in town to-day. A Salina man with an automobile put on a pair of kid gloves and oiled his machine. Then he threw them away and put on a new pair. That struck the crowd as very wasteful and extravagant.—Abilene Reflector.

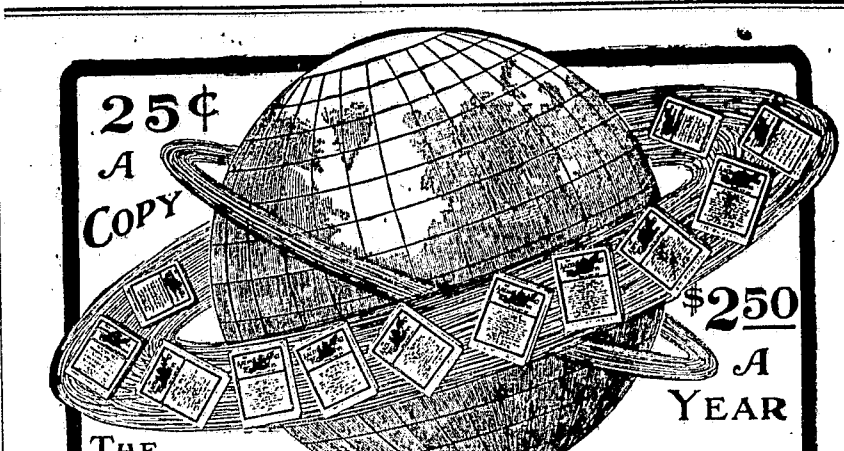
By the Court Jester. Wolsey was saying: "Farewell, a long farewell to all my greatness." "I hope it's not a Patti farewell," added Henry VIII, with coarse humor.—Houston Chronicle.

Too Opaque. "Bah Joo!" drawled the dude boarder. "I certainly do, admire the Newport set."

"Excuse me," said the butoon boarder, but before going further would you please state whether you mean people here, or teeth?"

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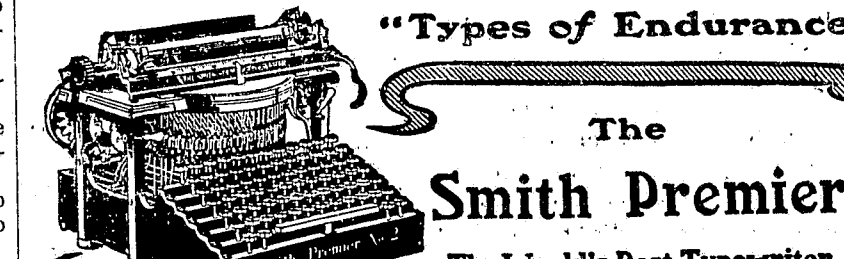
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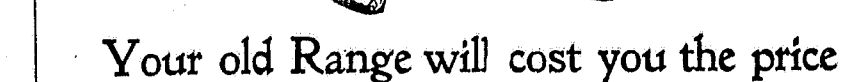
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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28, 1904.

Soil Inoculation with Nitrogen—Fixing Bacteria.

The question of soil inoculation for root tubercles is attracting a great deal of attention at the present time. The following is prepared in answer to numerous inquiries sent to the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station:

For the past twenty years it has been common knowledge that the legumes—peas, beans, clover, alfalfa, etc.—have the power of acquiring atmospheric nitrogen through enlargements upon the roots, called root tubercles, which are caused by bacteria. For nearly the same length of time it has been known that applications of those soils in which root tubercles are produced to other land would cause these tubercles to grow on crops where they would not previously to such inoculation.

It was found that different kinds of bacteria were necessary to produce root tubercles upon different kinds of legumes. Ten years ago German investigators prepared and placed on the market under the name of Nitragin, pure cultures of the different kinds of bacteria for inoculating soils for different legumes. While these cultures in a few instances gave satisfaction, they often failed. In the meantime other investigators in Germany and in this country kept up the study, with the result that the Bureau of Plant Industry of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture has devised cultures which are working thoroughly satisfactorily. The following is from the Department Year Book for 1902.

"It should be borne in mind that such inoculations are usually not necessary in soil that is already producing tubercles. While the introduction of fresh organisms will generally considerably increase the number of tubercles, the effect upon the crop is not appreciable, and it is hardly worth the expenditure of time and labor necessary to make the inoculation. Wherever legumes that fail to produce tubercles are being grown, however, or in those localities where the soil is so poor that legumes will not grow; and because of the lack of the proper organisms they can not make a start, every effort should be made to get the bacteria into the soil."

These cultures of bacteria are sent out in cakes resembling the ordinary compressed yeast cake. By putting these into water to which the proper mineral nutrients have been added, they will speedily grow in such quantities that even such a small package is sufficient to inoculate an acre.

Wherever legumes are being grown unsuccessfully, it will be wise to get cultures of the proper organisms and inoculate the soil. These cultures can be obtained in limited amount from the Bureau of Plant Industry U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. There are also companies that are manufacturing these from the Government formula. The Nitro-Culture Company of West Chester, Pa., is the one that is offering cultures in Maine. However, for successful use it must be remembered that these inoculations are not designed to take the place of the usual careful preparation of soil, nor do they do away with the need of mineral fertilizers, nor are they valuable for any crop other than the particular legumes for which they are recommended.

CHAS. D. WOODS, Director.

A Scotch party of fifteen, billed to Shiloh, arrived at Ellis Island, New York Harbor last week, and were met by Charles E. Holland, treasurer of the Shiloh settlement.

Oxford County Gems.

Here is a story about a Maine gem which is going the rounds of the newspapers of the country: "The minerals of Maine are becoming of world-wide reputation. The great aquamarine found in Stoneham, and probably the most valuable gem ever found on the American continent, has recently been purchased as a valuable acquisition to the crown jewels of Germany. The German prince, while in this country, saw the gem at Chicago and admired it so much that the government has been negotiating for it ever since, and recently sent a man over to this country, who finally succeeded in closing the trade, taking the gem back to Germany with him. At the world's fair at Chicago the gem was valued at \$30,000. It weighed 183 carats. By the way, one crystal taken at Paris, Me., this summer has been sold for \$500."

Students of U. of M.

The following thirty-nine student from Oxford County are in attendance at the University of Maine this year:

Curtis E. Abbott, 1905, Locke Mills; Andrew J. Hayes, 1905, Oxford; Fred W. Talbot, 1905, Andover; Herbert A. Thomas, 1905, Andover; Alton A. Austin, 1905, Ridgelyville; Henry W. Bearce, 1906, Hebron; Arthur G. Bennett, 1906, Paris; Everett D. Brown, 1906, S. Paris; Gotthard W. Carlson, 1906, Bethel; Howard L. Churchill, 1906, N. Buckfield; Samuel G. Elliot, 1906, Rumford Point; Clinton F. Forbes, 1906, Buckfield; Max G. Newman, 1906, Fryeburg; Roy H. Porter, 1906, S. Paris; Frank R. Reed, Jr., 1906, Rumford Falls; Alton W. Richardson, 1908, Bethel; Edw. A. Stanford, 1906, Lovell; Albert A. Whitmore, 1906, Fryeburg; Chester H. Bean, 1907, Bethel; Perry A. Bean, 1907, Albany; Elmer Cummings, 1907, Paris; Leroy D. Keene, 1907, Norway; Reginald E. Robinson, 1907, Oxford; Porter L. Swift, 1907, Norway; Richard F. Talbot, 1907, Andover; Raymond E. Davis, 1908, Rumford Falls; Oscar O. Dow, 1908, Hiram; George R. Knight, 1908, N. Waterford; Samuel B. Locke, 1908, W. Paris; Frank F. Smith, 1908, Rumford Falls; Merle A. Sturtevant, 1908, Hebron; Robert E. Talbot, 1908, Andover; Elon L. Brown, special, Norway; Judson G. Spofford, special, S. Paris; Stephen E. Abbott, School of Agriculture, 1905, Bethel; Gerry L. Brooks, Law, 1908, Upton; Lewis E. Fox, Law, 1908, Lovell; Joseph W. Hamlin, Law, 1907, Bethel; Wilbur H. Holman, Law, 1907, Dixfield.

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Booming Canadian Resorts.

The Grand Trunk Railway System has completed arrangements for an extensive exhibit at the Sportsmen's Show, to be held in Madison Square Garden, New York, from February 21 to March 9, 1905.

A most desirable space covering a floor area of 500 square feet and a wall space in the pavilion that will be erected of about 1,500 feet has been secured. The exhibit will consist of fish and game and other features of interest to sportsmen and the lovers of forest life, and Canadian haunts for the hunter and angler will be exploited. From the great interest that is taken each year in this attractive exposition, it is expected that the attendance the coming season will reach at least one hundred and fifty thousand people.

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Thin Hair

GILEAD.

Miss Mildred Bennett came home from her school in Portland to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Miss Carrie Pulsifer of Auburn has been in town on a visit to her sister, Mrs. S. L. Morse.

Ralph Peabody saw a large bear one day last week, on the mountain south of the village.

Mrs. J. E. Richardson and children went to Portland, Saturday, to spend Christmas with her parents.

The Mountain Rills will this week, Thursday, meet with Mrs. B. E. Harriman.

As Clyde Coffin was building a load of bark last Wednesday, the stake that he was using slipped and flew up and hit him in the face, knocking out three of his upper front teeth and cutting his under lip so badly that several stitches were required to close the wound.

Mrs. Josiah Heath who has been ill for some time, died at her home last Friday morning at the age of sixty-nine years. The funeral was held at the house Monday, at 10 o'clock. The remains were taken to Bethel for interment. Much sympathy is felt for the sorrowing friends.

Miss Cornelia Bennett was very ill Saturday and Sunday. It was at first thought she was threatened with typhoid fever, but at last reports it was considered a case of grip.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Richardson went to Gorham, N. H., Thursday. Mr. Ellery Wheeler of Shelburne, N. H., was in town Thursday.

Mr. Isaac Woodsum of Gorham, N. H., has been in town the past week, canvassing for garden seeds.

Mr. Ephraim Wight was calling on friends last week. Though he is an octogenarian he can walk six or seven miles a day and not seem as weary as many younger ones.

We were sorry to learn that Mrs. E. R. Bennett's little granddaughter, Mary Davies, had broken her leg while coasting.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Wheeler entertained a genuine Christmas party, Saturday evening. A Christmas dinner at which covers were laid for fifteen was served at 7.30, followed by a Christmas tree, made glorious by candles and other decorations, and proudly bearing a load of choice gifts for "the boys and girls grown tall" who formed the major portion of the company.

The guests from Bethel were Mr. Wheeler's brother Clifford, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wood and two sons, Messrs. Chester and Lyman Wheeler and Miss Amie Wheeler. The pleasure of the delightful evening was marred only by the knowledge that illness had made vacant some of the easy chairs.

NORTH BETHEL.

Miss Fannie Hastings has returned home from Washington.

Miss Bessie Mills from Mason was in town one day last week.

Mrs. J. C. Eagle has returned home from Bethel, where she has been caring for her daughter.

Miss Gertrude Cobb visited her aunt over Christmas.

Mothers, Be Careful

of the health of your children. Look out for Coughs, Colds, Croup and Whooping Cough. Stop them in time—One Minute Cough Cure is the best remedy. Harmless and pleasant. Sold by G. R. Wiley, D. W.

BRYANT POND.

Miss Elizabeth Stevens who teaches in Newton Mass., is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stevens.

Miss Emma Larrabee is spending her Christmas vacation with her aunt, Mrs. Flora Ricker.

Mr. C. H. Adams was in town on business, last week.

Mr. Rollins, dentist of Portland, will be here all this week. He is located at the hotel.

Mr. H. F. Houghton is seriously ill.

Mr. Mark Allen's little son was quite ill all last week.

Dr. and Mrs. Clark are entertaining Mrs. Clark's mother, Mrs. Soule of Freeport.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Reed of West Paris, were at W. H. Pearson's, last Saturday.

The friends of Miss Sue Thompson will regret to hear she is ill of pneumonia. She is with her sister at Rumford Falls.

The Bethel Athletic Association will give a dance in Odeon Hall to-morrow evening, Dec. 30. Good music. Come, everybody.

Mr. Charles Besse is dangerously ill from the effects of a paralytic shock.

Mrs. Elia Day had another bad spell, one day last week.

Mrs. John Titus was in Norway, one day last week.

Mr. Stephen Rowe, eighty-eight years of age is one of our smart, old men; with the exception of being lame he is very well. He went to Norway, last week.

Mrs. Betsey Blodgett wishes to express her thanks to the neighbors and friends in the village for so promptly responding to the alarm of fire which was discovered in her attic, Wednesday of last week, thereby saving her house from burning; about one-half the roof was destroyed. The loss was covered by insurance.

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle yet thorough. 25c. at all Drug Stores.

Water Power Better Than Steam. Even in Spain waterfalls are now being used as a source of electric power. In Italy the employment of innumerable waterfalls has enormous increased the output of manufactured silk. "Here," says an English writer, "is a form of power that will last longer than Great Britain's coal fields."

An Ancient Malediction.

A German society has lately published an interesting paper on the subject of ecclesiastical anathemas launched in the middle ages against animals. Among the maledictions cited is that of a pastor of Dresden, who in 1559 cursed the sparrows for distracting his congregation.

Brazilian Agriculture.

Although the Brazilian state of Bahia is almost entirely an agricultural region, plows, harrows and cultivators are practically unknown there.

Good Paper From Hops.

The discovery has been made that good paper can be produced from the refuse hops that have hitherto been thrown away in breweries.

The gold returns of Queensland for May show a total yield of 60,300 ounces.

Size of Boston Common.

Boston Common contains about 48 acres.

PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named:

At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in THE BETHEL NEWS, a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris on the third Tuesday of January A. D. 1905, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

ROBERT G. WILEY late of Bethel, deceased; petition for the appointment of Henry Wright or some other suitable person as administrator, presented by Henry Wright, father of deceased.

PARASINA CHASE late of Bethel, deceased; second account presented for allowance by Elery C. Park, trustee.

ADDISON E. HERRICK,

Judge of said Court.

A true copy—attest: ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

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Too often seemingly trifling complaints of children are put off as things of no consequence. Every unnatural action is a symptom of disorder and deserving of careful investigation. Worms more than anything else are the cause of childhood sickness. Attacking, as they do, the stomach and bowels, the effect of their presence is felt throughout the whole system and made known by nervousness, peevishness, disturbed sleep, erratic appetite, weak stomach and general lassitude.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

William Connery "the Irish giant," who during the past forty years has been exhibited in all the principal cities of the United States and Europe, was taken to the New York City almshouse, last week, being entirely destitute.

Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick and his wife, Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick were jointly indicted by the grand jury at Cleveland last week, on the charge of having forged and uttered a \$5,000,000 note signed Andrew Carnegie.

Dowie has declared that the assets of Zion City were \$30,000,000 and of this sum \$21,000,000 was in Zion City. He said that the total indebtedness was less than \$500,000 and most of that was to members of the church.

Mrs. Thomas E. Barnes, aged 21 years, of Detroit, Mich., was killed Dec. 22, in her home by a cartridge that had been sent her by her brother, a sailor in the United States navy. The cartridge which is said to have been about 1 1/2 inches in diameter, and 3 to 4 inches long, was sent to Mrs. Barnes as a souvenir.

Nashua has an ardent exponent of the anti-race suicide idea in the person of Mrs. Matilda A. Perea, who celebrated her 85th birthday Saturday last. She is the mother of 15 children, 13 of whom are living. She has 60 grandchildren and 68 great-grandchildren, and delights to tell her friends that on Nov. 8, last, 30 of her offspring voted to elect Mr. Roosevelt. Considering her years, Mrs. Perea is a remarkably well preserved woman, and retains all her faculties.

She was born in Berkshire, Vt., Dec. 10, 1819. Her father was a soldier in the Revolution and also in the war of 1812. Mrs. Perea was married when but 18 years of age. After the death of her husband, about 30 years since, Mrs. Perea came to New Hampshire and became a resident of Hooksett. She has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal denomination for about 70 years. Four of her daughters reside in that State and the rest are scattered about the country.

Alfonso Thornton of Brunswick, who fell beneath the cars on the Maine Central railroad at Brunswick Saturday night, was later taken to the Maine Central hospital, where his leg was amputated. He died at 1 o'clock Sunday morning. Thornton was a brakeman on the road. His age was 20 years. He was unmarried.

James Grant, aged 46, of Pawtucket, R. I., employed by the contractors for the Kennebec Water District, was terribly lacerated about the face and neck by the explosion of a dynamite cap at Waterville last week. He was employed in refilling a ditch and was handling dirt, that had been turned over many times before in the course of the work, when his pick struck the cap. There was a heavy explosion and his face and neck were literally peppered with dirt and bits of rocks. Two surgeons worked over him for hours extracting dirt from the countless small wounds. His eyes are very seriously injured but a specialist says he may be able to save the sight. The cap had been lost in the dirt while blasting was in progress several weeks ago.

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Dec. 20, 1904. Harry E. Mason.

STATE NEWS.

There are eighteen natives of Maine in the recently elected legislature of Massachusetts.

Over a dozen cars of Christmas trees, 500 trees to a car, have been shipped from Thorndike station.

Van Buren has not made much boom talk, but it has erected 200 new residences within two years.

The Bancroft Foote House, a three-story wooden building containing sixteen rooms, given to the Good Will Home Association by Edwin Bancroft Foote of New York City, was dedicated at Good Will Home Wednesday.

The Paris Mfg. Co.'s saw mill in the Greenwood woods was destroyed by fire Saturday night at 2 a. m. The mill was nearly burned down when the fire was discovered. It is a complete loss, nothing being saved and there being no insurance.

The presence of smallpox has been discovered in a lumber camp in the vicinity of Chesuncook lake, and Dr. A. G. Young, secretary of the State board of health, has received notice that four cases of the disease exist in the camp, which is the headquarters of a crew of 27 men.

Fish Warden Richard D. Orr of Orr's Island, died at his home about midnight Wednesday night after a very short illness. He was one of the best known residents of the lower end of Casco bay, and was a descendant of the original Orrs after whom the island was named.

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HALL'S VEGETABLE SICILIAN Hair Renewer

Perhaps you like your gray hair; then keep it. Perhaps not; then remember—Hall's Hair Renewer always restores color to gray hair. Stops falling hair, also.

WEST BETHEL.

All the Latest News from Our Near Neighbors.

The days are growing longer.

The holiday season is nearly over.

School was not in session, Monday.

All seemed to gladly welcome yesterday's snow storm.

Mrs. Seeley returned home from the Central Maine General Hospital, Saturday.

Miss Ethel L. Allen was deprived of the full enjoyment of the Christmas festivities by illness.

Many from this place attended the Christmas entertainment in Mason, Friday evening.

Much complaint is heard of the freezing of aqueducts and cellars, and the drought continues.

The Bethel Athletic Association will give a dance in Odeon Hall to-morrow evening, Dec. 30. Good music. Come, everybody.

Miss Grace Farwell has an engagement to teach school in Jefferson, N. H., and goes there this week.

Acetylene gas is going out of use here since the late fatal explosion in Mexico.

Mrs. Mary Dow remains about the same as last reported. Her daughters are both with her.

H. W. Dennison and family of South Paris, were with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan P. Dennison over Christmas.

A Pleasant Pill.
No Pill is as pleasant and positive as DeWitt's Little Early Risers. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are so mild and effective that children, delicate ladies and weak people enjoy their cleansing effect, while strong people say they are the best liver pills sold. Sold by G. R. Wiley.

GRAFTON.
Will Small of Newry was in town Thursday, looking after his fox traps, but no foxes were caught napping this time.

Will H. Otis who is lumbering in the Rangeley region was home last Saturday night, returning via Andover, Sunday morning.

Mrs. George Muse who has been working for Mr. Peaslee of Upton for some time, has been staying with her father, O. W. Brooks, since Thanksgiving, owing to the illness of her little girl. She expects to return to Mr. Peaslee's soon.

Mr. Trask of Newry, who is pressing hay for E. I. Brown, met with the misfortune of having some part of his press machinery break, so as to necessitate one day's delay for repairs.

GUARANTEED CURE FOR PILES
Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case, no matter of how long standing, in 6 to 14 days. First application gives ease and rest. 50c. If your druggist hasn't it send for it in stamps and it will be forwarded post-paid by Paris Medicine Co., St. Louis, Mo.

NORTH NEWRY.
We are glad to see a good snow-storm.

There were a number of Christmas trees in town.

John McLannan died very suddenly at H. F. Thurston's, last week.

Merton Kilgore is hauling logs for W. W. Kilgore. H. J. Stearns has taken the landing to saw.

Flossie Stearns is very sick and Dr. Twaddle is attending her.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stevens of Lewiston spent Christmas with Mrs. Stevens' parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Thurston.

Wade Thurston is scaling again this winter for the International Paper Co.

W. O. Kilgore's new store is well patronized and he is glad to help all.

J. P. Kilgore is still confined to his house.

DeWitt's Kidney & Bladder Pills
For Pains, Burns, Sores.

SOUTH PARIS NEWS.

Local and Personal Items From Our Shire Town.

Miss Lisbeth Murphy is teaching in the Forbes district.

Mrs. James Crocker and son Herbert, of Locke Mills, visited J. J. Murphy and wife Saturday.

Harry Wheeler of Harvard spent the holidays with his parents, P. E. Wheeler and wife.

All the town schools began Tuesday.

Mr. Fred P. Chandler is recovering from an attack of tonsillitis.

Mr. I. I. Monk went to Auburn, Saturday, to visit his daughter.

The scholars of the Methodist Sunday school observed Christmas by going on a hayrack ride Saturday forenoon, and returning to a dinner in the church vestry. In the afternoon a Christmas tree was unloaded.

The Universalist Sunday school had a supper in Good Cheer Hall Saturday evening, after which an entertainment consisting of music and recitations and a farce entitled "Santa Claus Outwitted." Cast of characters as follows:

Santa Claus, Louis W. Clark
Mrs. Santa Claus, Mildred Parlin
Fairy Overcome, Katherine Morton
Fairy Content, Rose Murphy
Sir See All, Norris Nowell
Dot, Eva A. Andrews

This was followed by the distribution of gifts.

A fire broke out Friday morning in the house of Hosea Bonney on Paris St. The barn was saved but the house was entirely destroyed.

A Frightened Horse.
Running like mad down the street dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable Salve handy and there's none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25c at all Drug Stores. B

NEWRY.
Mrs. Mary Foster who got hurt two weeks ago, is better, and her daughter, Mrs. Daley, has returned to her home in Gorham, N. H.

Mel Allen from Lynchville visited here last Saturday.

Walter Foster was quite surprised last Sunday to find his aqueduct all frozen.

David Abbott and wife were in town last Sunday.

Mrs. Jack Eagle who has been at Bethel caring for her sick daughter, has returned home.

There was a Christmas tree at W. F. Bisbee's.

The Bethel Athletic Association will give a dance in Odeon Hall to-morrow evening, Dec. 30. Good music. Come, everybody.

The school in district No. 3, closed last Friday, after a term of seven weeks, Miss Essie Bowker from Bryant Pond, teacher. This is the second year that Miss Bowker has taught in town, and as she has always ruled by love she has given great satisfaction to both scholars and parents, and has left nothing but regret that the term was no longer. The following is a list of those who were not absent one half day: Esther L. Frost, M. Agnes Frost, Ezra P. Chapman, Bertha A. Bailey, Mabel U. Bailey and Ralph B. Frost.

No More Suffering.
If you are troubled with indigestion get a bottle of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and see how quickly it will cure you. Geo. A. Thomson, of Spencer, Ia., says: "Have had Dyspepsia for twenty years. My case was almost hopeless. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure was recommended and I used a few bottles of it and it is the only thing that has relieved me. Would not be without it. Have doctored with local physicians and also at Chicago, and even went to Norway with hopes of getting some relief, but Kodol Dyspepsia Cure is the only remedy that has done me any good, and I heartily recommend it. Every person suffering with indigestion or Dyspepsia should use it." Sold by G. R. Wiley. D. W.

STARK, N. H.

Mrs. Josie Crawford of Paris is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Ina Page.

Mrs. Esther Ellingwood went to Groveton, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Stevens spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Chase of Lancaster.

Ida Marten of Groveton was in town Saturday.

George Hill has moved his family from the M. A. Montgomery house into Mrs. Rowell's rent.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Pike and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Cole have returned from Dover where they have been attending the State Grange.

Aroher Cox came from Eustis, Monday, where he has been the past six months. Mrs. Cox and son Lyle who are visiting in Auburn, will join him here later.

Fred Hardy was in town Monday.

Mrs. Carrie Blake and son Fay are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Blake.

John Howland of Dummer was in town recently.

Benjamin Veazie was home from his work in Randolph over Sunday.

Rev. W. P. White was called to Dummer, Wednesday, to attend the funeral of Jack Lary.

Mrs. Nellie L. Leavitt is very ill. Charles Montgomery is clerking in Mrs. N. L. Leavitt's store.

Bertha Wentworth has returned from Berlin, where she has been canvassing.

George Veazie, wife and son were the guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Veazie, Sunday.

A Christmas entertainment was held in the M. E. church Christmas eve.

Mrs. Nettie Pratt and son Jay, are working for Wm. Woodard.

A. S. Ellingwood is working for P. L. Company.

KILLS CATARRH GERMS.
Breathe Hyomei and Be Cured of Catarrh—Costs Nothing if It Fails.

Breathe Hyomei for a few minutes four times a day, through the neat pocket inhaler that comes with every outfit, and benefit will be seen at once. Continue this treatment for a short time, and your catarrh will have been cured by Hyomei.

There is no roundabout way in Hyomei's medicinal action; it does not try to cure a disease of the head by putting medicine in the stomach. It fills the air you breathe with balsamic healing, that soothes the irritated and smarting membrane, destroys the germs of catarrh that are present in the head and throat, and is the only treatment that can be relied upon to cure.

When using Hyomei the air you breathe will be like that on the mountains high above the sea level, filled with volatile, antiseptic fragrance that heals and cures the irritated mucous membrane of the air passages.

This treatment has been so successful, curing 99 per cent. of all who have used it, that Hyomei is now sold by G. R. Wiley under an absolute guarantee to refund the money if it does not benefit. You run no risk whatever in buying Hyomei. If it did not possess unusual powers to cure, it could not be sold upon this plan.

The complete Hyomei outfit costs \$1.00 and comprises a hard rubber inhaler, a bottle of Hyomei and a dropper. The inhaler will last a lifetime; and additional bottles of Hyomei can be obtained for 50c.

EAST BETHEL.
Lester Bean has finished teaching at Wilson's Mills and is now at home.

Miss Amy Bartlett from Gorham Normal school is at her home here for the Christmas recess.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bean and Mrs. S. E. Rich spent Christmas with George F. Rich and family, Berlin, N. H.

Miss Josie Rich is spending the holidays at her home in Auburn.

Mrs. F. B. Howe visited a few days at South Paris, last week.

Misses Mandy and Katie Haines are working in the paper mills at Rumford Falls.

Miss Ella Farwell has a new Beckwith piano from Sears, Roebuck & Co.

UPTON.

There was a Christmas entertainment at the church Saturday evening with the usual well loaded tree.

Mrs. Cora Brown and little son Elwin, have returned from their recent visit to Portland.

Mr. J. E. Brooks, overseer of Upton-grange, was sent as delegate to the State Grange.

Mrs. A. W. Judkins returned Friday, from a visit to friends at Norway, and the State Grange at Lewiston.

Mr. L. F. Bragg has moved with his family to North Andover Surplus where he has built camps and taken a logging job.

Mr. Will Bartlett and his ox team are at work in the woods for L. F. Bragg.

Mrs. L. A. West is hiring a crew to cut and haul pulp wood and timber from the Frank W. Bragg place which she recently bought.

Mr. Jas. Bernier has several men at work fitting up his saw mill, setting up the engine and getting things ready for business. He has fitted up the old mill district schoolhouse, which now belongs to him, with beds and a big stove, making a comfortable sleeping place for his crew.

Mr. Warrington Bartlett is putting in a crew of men to cut and haul birch from Coe & Co.'s land near the Tyler place, to supply Mr. Bernier's mill.

Wm. Burke and Werton Sargent are driving teams for Raymond & Son who are logging for C. Chase off his land up the Cambridge river.

H. T. Chase has a crew cutting and hauling timber off his own lands.

J. E. Brooks and Henry Lombard each have logging crews as usual.

Hollis Abbott, Ronald Burke, and John Burke are at work scaling this winter.

Lee Gambel has recovered from his recent injury.

Mrs. Frank Whitney is still very sick.

Mrs. Jane Sanborn was unable to attend the funeral of her brother, George Demeritt of Errol. Mr. Demeritt was a man well known and much respected in this vicinity. He went from his home in Errol to Colebrook with a pair of horses to get a load of lumber; he was not well at the time he started from home. At Colebrook he was so sick that his friends urged him not to try to return home until he was better, but he thought he had rather start for home. He was found in Dixville notch with his load tipped over where he had evidently driven partly out of the road to avoid bare ground. He appeared to be very sick and unable to give a definite account of himself; he was taken back to Colebrook and his folks were sent for, and he lived but a few days. He is survived by a widow and two married daughters.

Mrs. Frank Bragg and family wrote that they are very well contented in their new home at Farmington; they have quite a number of boarders and the children are enjoying the privileges of the Normal, High and common schools.

Beware of Counterfeits.
"DeWitt's is the only genuine Witch Hazel Salve" writes J. L. Tucker, of Centre, Ala. "I have used it in my family for Piles, Cuts, and Burns for years and can recommend it to be the best Salve on the market. Every family should keep it, as it is an invaluable household remedy, and should always be kept on hand for immediate use." Mrs. Samuel Gage, of North Bush, N. Y., says: "I had a fever sore on my ankle for twelve years that the doctors could not cure. All salves and blood remedies proved worthless. I could not walk for over two years. Finally I was persuaded to try DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, which has completely cured me. It is a wonderful relief." DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cures without leaving a scar. Sold by G. R. Wiley. D. W.

The Pennsylvania Railroad company is prepared to spend \$30,000,000 in the construction of a new railway station in Chicago. Twenty millions of this sum will be spent in acquiring land adjoining the present Union depot, and \$10,000,000 will be spent in buildings.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure
Digests what you eat.

WE ARE READY

FOR THE

HOLIDAY TRADE

We carry an extensive line of Paints, Oils, shelf and heavy Hardware, Crockery, Glassware, etc., to which we have added a fine assortment of

LAMPS, JARDINIERES AND CHINA,

Selected with a view to Christmas buying. On our shelves are

Fancy cups and saucers

Mustache cups and saucers

Dainty Salads

Cracker Jars

Bread and Butter Plates

A B C Plates

Cake Plates

Mugs

Majolica Ware

Jumbo Cream and Sugar Sets

Salt and Pepper Shakes

Gilt Sets

Water Sets

Blue Ware

Grecian four piece Sets

Grecian Water Sets

Individual Tea and Coffee Sets

Tea Pots and Stands

Nickel Crumb Pan and Scrapers

Pigs and Banks

Vases

Rose Bowls

Candlesticks

Ash Trays

Hair Receivers

Bon Bon Dishes

A Fine Assortment of Haviland China.

These goods are all in new designs, many of them Novelties, and we shall be pleased to show them.

Hastings Brothers,

Bethel, Me.

WANT COLUMN.

Notice.

Anyone desiring to purchase a large crib in good condition, will do well to address box 164, Bethel, or enquire at the News office.

WANTED—American women between 18 and 30 years of age to work as attendants in the Medfield Insane Asylum at Medfield Junction, Mass., 20 miles from Boston. Wages increase with length of service. An opportunity to become a trained nurse. Address, Dr. EDWARD FRENCH, Medfield, Mass.

AGENTS WANTED, AT LIBERAL COMMISSION

To introduce and sell "Sunshine," the best furniture polish in the world. It sells on sight. You can make money this winter. For particulars write, OREN HOOPER'S SONS, Portland, Me.

WANTED.

We will pay cash for Hemlock Bark delivered at any railroad station within a radius of 100 miles of our factory at Canton. Communicate with L. W. Smith Co., Canton, Maine.

Wanted.

Delivered at our factory the coming winter one-half million feet of beech, birch, maple, oak, pine, spruce, hemlock and fir logs, also five hundred cords white birch. We pay cash.

BETHEL MANUFACTURING CO. P. S. We have a few logging contracts which we will let to the right parties. Inquire of J. H. Barrows at the Chair Factory.

Farm for Sale.

A nice farm situated in Lewiston within three miles of the city, on electric road; fifty acres of land, about equally divided as to pasture and tillage land; has thirty or forty fruit trees; a spring of pure water near house, also nice well water, excellent set of farm buildings including large hen-house, new; cellar under house, all and stable; excellent land to cultivate, and cuts twenty-five tons of hay; early land, and excellent markets for vegetables, berries and all farm produce; never failing brook runs through the pasture. Will sell at a bargain and on easy terms. For particulars inquire of, or address,

E. C. BOWLER, Bethel, Maine.

Learn to Dance at Home.

You can teach you to dance by mail. You can learn in the privacy of your own home at a small cost. I guarantee satisfaction. Send stamp for full particulars. Address

C. S. LEWIS, 56 James St., Auburn, Me.

Stock for Sale.

I have 12 nice yearling steers, and 5 yearling heifers for sale, also 1 pair of work horses, weight 2950 pounds.

H. S. HASTINGS, Newry, Me.

Wanted.

Teachers for graded and ungraded schools. Write to THE MAINE TEACHERS' AGENCY, Bethel, Maine.

Notice.

I wish to give notice that I have hired the Blacksmith Shop of J. C. Billings and am prepared to do Horse Shoeing and Jobbing; have had large practice in city work Call and see me.

L. E. BATES, Bethel, Me.

For Sale.

A few Golden Buff Rock Cockerels. These are pure blood and come from prize winning stock. Inquire of E. L. ARNO, Bethel, Me., No. 1, Mechanic St.

For Sale.

One set traverse sleds in good condition. These sleds were used but one season and are a good trade for someone. Apply to CHARLES H. GATES, Prospect Inn, 2w26 Bethel, Me.

Wanted.

A situation as stenographer by girl who has had several years' experience. Address W., Care of News, Bethel, Maine.

Found.

In Odeon Hall the Friday afternoon of the matinee, a purse containing a small sum of money. Owner may recover property by calling at home of Rev. A. D. Colson.

Wood for Sale.

Cord wood, both green and dry. I have wood of all kinds and qualities, in any quantity desired, at from \$4.00 to \$4.50 per cord.

FRANK E. STEVENS, 80w3 pd. Locke Mills, Me.

Wanted.

A situation to do general housework. Apply to P. O. Box 57, Upton, Maine.

For Sale.

One Sparkle Coal Stove. A good heater. 29 pd

NEWS OFFICE.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought.
Bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Williams

Elisir
Compound—but it is more than a compound. It is a carefully selected and enriched with the purest of the vegetable kingdom. It is a remedy for all ailments of the system and made known by its effects, erratic appetite, weak digestion, etc.

STATE NEWS.

There are eighteen natives of the recently elected legis. of Massachusetts.

A dozen cars of Christmas trees to a car, have been taken from Thorndike station.

Buren has not made much talk, but it has erected 200 residences within two years.

Bancroft Foote House, a story wooden building consisting of sixteen rooms, given to the Will Home Association by Bancroft Foote of Newbury, was dedicated at Good Come Wednesday.

Paris Mfg. Co.'s saw mill in Greenwood woods was destroyed by fire Saturday night at 2. The mill was nearly burned when the fire was discovered. It is a complete loss, nothing saved and there being no insurance.

Prevalence of smallpox has been discovered in a lumber camp vicinity of Chesuncook lake, A. G. Young, secretary of the board of health, has reported that four cases of disease exist in the camp, and is the headquarters of a 27 men.

Warden Richard D. Orr of Andover, died at his home last Wednesday night of a very short illness. He was one of the best known residents of the end of Casco bay, and descendant of the original owner of the island was so Thornton of Brunswick, beneath the cars on the Central railroad at Brunswick Thursday night, was later the Maine Central hospital he was amputated. At 1 o'clock Sunday morning he was a brakeman on a train. His age was 20 years.

Grant, aged 46, of Pawtucket, I., employed by the contractor for the Kennebec Water was terribly lacerated on the face and neck by the explosion of a dynamite cap at the last week. He was in bed in real pain for several days.

There were a number of Christmas trees in town.

John McLannan died very suddenly at H. F. Thurston's,

TORTURING PAIN.

Half This Man's Sufferings Would Have Killed Many a Person, But Doan's Cured Him.

Thousands of grateful people are telling every day how Doan's Kidney Pills cured them of distressing and dangerous kidney and bladder troubles.

Yet other thousands are suffering every day from these same ills. Why? They are either very negligent or very skeptical. Neglect of kidney disorders leads to dropsy, diabetes, Bright's disease and other fatal diseases.

Sincere, honest testimony like the following should convince every skeptic.

A. C. Sprague, stock dealer of Normal, Ill., writes: "For two whole years I was doing nothing but buying medicines to cure my kidneys."

"I do not think that any man ever suffered as I did and lived."

"The pain in my back was so bad that I could not sleep at night. I could not ride a horse and sometimes was unable even to ride in a car."

"My condition was critical when I saw for Doan's Kidney Pills. I used three boxes and they cured me."

"Now I can go anywhere and do as much as anybody. I sleep well and feel no discomfort at all."

A FREE TRIAL of this great kidney medicine which cured Mr. Sprague will be mailed on application to any part of the United States. Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. Sold by all dealers; price, fifty cents per box.

Disinfecting the Clothing.

In every household should be set aside a small room (if this is impossible, then a large closet) for the purpose of disinfecting all street clothing. There are many disinfectants on the market. Inexpensive and effective, that will not harm the most delicate fabric or coloring. A formaldehyde generator will be found entirely satisfactory for this purpose, and well worth the trouble and expense.

This exigency is doubly imperative regarding the clothing of housemaids. The places they visit are naturally unknown to the mistress of the house and beyond her jurisdiction, and much contagion conveyed on their clothing has entered our homes by this means.—Harper's Bazar.

RECTOR OF ST. LUKE'S,

Ashburnham, Ontario, Testifies to the Good Qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

ASHBURNHAM, Ont., April 18, 1903.—I think it is only right that I should tell you what a wonderful effect Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has produced. The day before Easter I was so distressed with a cold and cough that I did not think to be able to take any duties the next day, as my voice was almost choked by the cough.

The same day I received an order from you for a bottle of your Cough Remedy. I at once procured a sample bottle, and took about three doses of the medicine. To my great relief the cough and cold had completely disappeared and I was able to preach three times on Easter Day. I know that this rapid and effective cure was due to your Cough Remedy. I make this testimonial without solicitation, being thankful to have found such a God-sent remedy.

Respectfully yours,

E. A. LANGFELDT, M. A.,

Rector of St. Luke's Church,

To Chamberlain Medicine Co.

This remedy is for sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel; E. L. Tebbets, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead.

At the End of the Year.

I glance up at the calendar And think of old, dead years, Of friendships yet remembered.

But oft, alas! in tears I think of unsung sonnets, Of dreams—the broken lyre!— While glancing at the calendar And gazing in the fire.

To Cure A Cold In One Day.

Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure.

E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c

PARLOR PRIDE STOVE POLISH

LIQUID—READY FOR INSTANT USE

A few drops of Parlor Pride Stove Polish gives the stove a brilliant lustre, making the stove fit for the parlor. No soiled hands—easy to apply—always ready. No water used (water used in paste polishes stains the stove). No dried up paste remains after using a while. PARLOR PRIDE good to the last drop. Sold by all dealers, in Bethel by C. A. Lucas, de Maine St.

THE YEAR THAT IS PAST.

It is Always the Record of What We Have Done in the Past That Counts.

New Year's day is in some way recognized by every people having a formal calendar, yet the hour of the last day of the old year generally pass with little variation from ordinary routine. Nevertheless, it is the completed book whose story impresses the reader for good or bad, not the cover or the frontispiece of the new one.

Nearly all the words of our language applying to a course not absolutely marked out describe the path that is left behind and not that which is before, says the Youth's Companion. There is no counterpart to the ship's "wake" for the course which the prow is about to break, nor of the "track of the cyclone," nor of the "spoor of the tiger, nor of the trail" of numberless animals. It may be noted incidentally that many states and cities have recently passed laws or ordinances requiring automobiles to carry a number, in large figures, hanging from the back. Nobody who sees an automobile coming cares what its number is. Only when it happens to leave some record behind in its track is the knowledge of its number important. It is doubtless because the future is swarming with possibilities, whereas the past constitutes a record which cannot be changed, that most of our festivities center about the anticipation of the new year rather than in a retrospective affection for the old.

In the elder days of the world prophecy held a place of prominence among all peoples, but of history in the scientific sense there was none. This has been reversed by the severe practical modern world. History is at a premium, prophecy at a discount. Yet the almost disregarded last day of December stands for the completed record, as New Year's does for the prophecy of what is to come.

Fight Will be Bitter.

Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination.

Read what T. R. Beall, Miss., has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once and four bottles entirely cured her." Guaranteed by all Druggists. Price 50c, and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

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NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS.

We Never Get Too Old or Too Good to Have Need of Them.

What! make New Year resolutions again? Certainly, no one is too old or too good to have need of them. But curb your enthusiasm; weigh well your chances of success, and be a little more lenient with yourself than you were a year ago. Better to set an easier task and win than to risk weakening your will power and self-respect by another failure, says the Country Gentleman. Have your ideal of perfect manhood, or womanhood, by all means. Life is indeed prosaic and commonplace without one, and—alas! it is a bitter disappointment with one, unless we remember that we build the ladder by which we rise to a noble character, and that more actual progress is made by gaining one strong round than by ten shaky ones.

Just what particular step is most needed each one must determine for him, or herself. Probably 99 out of every 100 of us "boys and girls grown tall" need most to brace up and strengthen the round of cheerfulness, and I question if there are many of you who can make a resolve that will do more to develop and strengthen your higher nature than an earnest one to be cheerful—even when things go wrong—for from its roots is sure to spring thoughtfulness of others and hope, and courage.

Think of these things, and remember not only the precious assurance of help to him who "worketh out his own salvation," but that the dear "Lord loveth the cheerful giver" of hope and courage, as well as him who gladly giveth of his "loaves and fishes."

A HEDGEROW ARISTOCRAT.

The Aromatic Sassafras was Formerly very useful.

An aristocrat of the hedgerows is the sassafras, the buds of which have recently burst into clustered posies of delicate greenish, yellow bloom. It is an American cousin of the camphor tree, the cinnamon and the laurel.

Comparatively few of the many to whom sassafras is a household word know that it bears flowers. These appear simultaneously with the first tender leaves, and, being of the same color with them, are apt to be overlooked by all but the nectar-seeking bees. Yet these blossoms are among the loveliest sights of our spring, contributing much to the beauty of landscapes.

The aromatic little tree was highly esteemed by our forefathers and served them numerous uses now all but obsolete. The bark was employed in a variety of ways in medicine, the pith supplied a mucilage from which an eye wash was made; and as for the wood itself it was thought to be so repugnant to bugs that sassafras bedsteads were said to be immune from insect pests.

Starting a Race in Missouri.

The starter of the running races at Joplin is a big, black negro. He has created much amusement in getting the horses off.

A half dozen or more attempts were made, when the negro's patience became exhausted. Most of the jockeys were negroes, and as a final warning to one who persisted in snapping the rubber before the others were ready he said: "Nigger, if you does dat again I'll come out dar and knock you off dat hoss," and he exhibited a good sized stick attached to the end of a rope, which he commenced to ur-wid. The exhibit of the stick had its effect.—Joplin News-Herald.

Pneumatic Cap for Motor Cyclists.

In France the motor cyclists have received so many broken heads that resort has been had to a pneumatic helmet to soften the blow when the rider alights on the wrong end. It consists of a hollow leather cap which is inflated with air just like a bicycle tire.

Wonderful Development.

A single mesquite seed, imported from the Southwest and planted in Honolulu in 1857, has propagated and spread until in the Hawaiian Islands to-day, says the Washington Post, there are 50,000 acres of the famous plant of alkali plains of Arizona and New Mexico. The most remarkable feature of the manner in which the desert growth has taken root on foreign and tropical soil lies in the fact that the mesquite has completely changed its character and is vastly different from the parent tree.

Bees in Warfare.

There are at least two recorded instances in which bees have been used as weapons of defense in war. When the Roman General Lucullus was warring against Mithridates, he sent a force against the City of Themiscyra. As they besieged the walls, the inhabitants threw down on them myriads of swarms of bees. These at once began an attack, which resulted in the raising of the siege.

Graves Never Opened.

In Turkey, a Moslem grave, when once it has been filled in, is never reopened on any account. With a view to remove the faintest chance of a grave being thus defiled, the Moslems plant a cypress tree on every grave immediately after the burial—thus making their cemeteries resemble forests.

Dead Reckoning.

Dead reckoning is a term used in navigation to express the estimation that is made of a ship's place without having recourse to observation of the celestial bodies. It is made by observing the way she makes by the log, and the course on which she has been steered, making allowance for drift, leeway, etc.

A Dog's Biography.

Mme. Severine, well known throughout France as a journalist, received from the Paris Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals a gold medal for the biography of her dog—a stray street dog whose omnivorous appetite was the cause of her naming him Sac-a-tout, and whose devotion to her was constant and well deserved her tribute.

Investigating Horse Trade.

In consequence of inquiries made in Parliament, the British government will proceed to ascertain some facts about the old and unfit horses exported from England and Germany, and "whether their flesh is made into condiments of various kinds, returned to this country and sold as articles of food."

Abundant Power in Ireland.

Sir Richard Sankely estimates that Ireland's bogs contain the equivalent of 5,000,000,000 tons of coal, and he advocates creating power for varied industries by converting the fuel into electricity on the spot.

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A Railroad Automobile.

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A Reason For It.

There is a well-known story told by Dean Ramsay years ago of two old ladies of his church. "Was it no' a wonderful thing," said one of them, "that the Breethish were aye victorious over the French in battle?" "Not a bit," said the other, "dinna ye ken the Breethish say their prayers before gaen into battle?" "Aye," returned the first, "but canna' the Frenchmen say their prayers as weel?" The reply was: "Hoot! Jabberin' bodies! Wha could understan' them?"

A Mistake in Heaven.

Kinglake, the historian of the Crimean war, was approached by a spiritualist one day, who told him that the speaker had had a command from the recently deceased Mrs. Kinglake to convert "William Alexander Kinglake" to his doctrines. "Well," said Kinglake, "even in heaven one has a right to expect accuracy. My name is Alexander William Kinglake." The commissioner left at once.

Honesty Among Thieves.

A London city missionary who worked in the slums of a certain district and was well known to the thieves that swarmed there began his service one day with the words: "I think I know which of you stole Mr. ———'s gold watch yesterday, and I shall be glad if you will send it back to me before noon to-morrow." He made no threat, and, indeed, spoke very generally. The next day he received eight gold watches!

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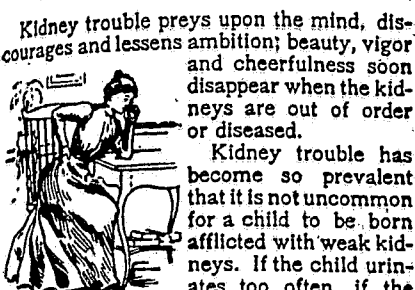
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Antiques for Summer Trade.
As soon as the last summer visitor has gone away those of the natives of Lamorne who are artistic in any way, begin to make fantastic and antique articles of household utility to sell to the crop of summer visitors who will arrive next June.

There are a score of men and more than two score women who will pass the winter in such employments. Two years ago there was organized a society of women who devote their time on winter evenings to embroidering tidies, scarfs, neckties and other articles, all of which are sold to the city callers at high prices.

The custom is to secure cheap crocheting silks that have been damaged and with these to work out antique patterns of flowers and mottoes on coarse crash or unbleached linen. The articles are then smeared with dabs of oil and spatters of anything about the house. Then the unsightly spots are taken out by applying benzine and the goods are folded while still damp and put away in old chests and sprinkled with floor sweepings and other forms of dust, all of which is done to give an indication of great age to things which are new.

On the arrival of the summer visitors word is given out that articles of an advanced age have been discovered in the neighborhood, whereupon the old chests are ransacked in the presence of the prospective buyers and much embroidered linen that is faded and mouldy is brought forth and sold for fancy prices.

Meantime the innocent old farmers are converting aged woods into spinning wheels and flax wheels and hand looms and ancient wheel chairs and getting ready to sell chairs that were made in the winter of 1905 as remnants of family furniture that came over in the Mayflower. An estimate has been made that enough Mayflower furniture is manufactured in eastern Maine every winter to have loaded that famous old craft three times over.

On Isle au Haut there is an unsophisticated blacksmith who makes from a dozen to a score of antique andirons every winter. He is a man of great versatility, taking pains to place dates on every andiron that comes out from under his busy hammer. Most of them bear rude figures to indicate that they were made in England during the wars between Charles I, and Parliament and as a result of their antiquity the andirons are sold for prices that yield a handsome income to the blacksmith, who by upright dealings and industry has become the owner of some of the best shore front lots on the island.—Express.

Be Quick.
Not a minute should be lost when a child shows symptoms of croup, Chamberlain's Cough Remedy given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, will prevent the attack. It never fails, and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tabbets, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

MINERAL SPRINGS CURE.

Curative Value and Action of the Water.
Dr. Burney Yeo in his book on "The Therapeutics of Mineral Springs" takes care to remind his readers that the remedial action of mineral waters is largely dependent on such associated conditions as changes in diet, climate, exercise, sobriety, and points out that many mineral springs whose curative effects are in themselves insignificant have been raised into importance by the intelligent and skillful necessary methods attending their use.

The value and curative action of the quantity of water taken has an importance that is often overlooked. There is no doubt that most people use but little water as a beverage. To such persons the drinking of large quantities of this important solvent, apart from its mineral constituents, must have, as the author shows, most important physiological and therapeutic effects.

The City of Cigars.
The little City of Tampa is one of the liveliest and most progressive towns of the South. With a population of about 30,000 it has a weekly cash payroll approaching \$200,000, which goes into the hands of a class that believes in a speedy disbursement of coin. There are 160 cigar factories, big and little, and there is scarcely a town in the United States that is not a buyer of the Tampa output.—Washington Post.

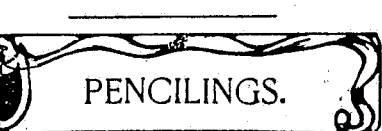
Concrete Floors in Switzerland.
In Switzerland concrete floors are made with hollow beams, which are one part cement to four of coarse sand. They can support four times as much weight as wooden beams, are fireproof, and easily placed. Being hollow, they protect against extremes of heat and cold, and may be warmed by passing hot air through them.

Helping a Convalescent.
In Germany, when a person breaks down with consumption, he is sent to the government sanatorium where he is kept until he recovers or dies. In the meantime his family receives a weekly pension from a fund to which the patient himself contributed when he was in good health. By this means the risk of spreading the disease is avoided.

Meaning of "Creole."
Much confusion exists concerning the meaning of the word "Creole." Webster defines it as "one born of European parents in the American colonies of France or Spain or in the states which were once such colonies, especially a person of French or Spanish descent, who is a native inhabitant of Louisiana, or one of the states adjoining, bordering on the gulf of Mexico."

Rubber Band Around Fish.
A dogfish, 20 inches long, was caught off Nantucket recently and there was an india rubber band about its body just forward of the fins. It had evidently been placed there when the fish was small, as it had cut in quite deep, although it did not appear to trouble the fish.

Sea Serpent 200 Feet Long.
Olaus Magnus wrote in the middle ages of a sea serpent 200 feet long and 20 feet thick which haunted rocks and caves near the sea coast, the old writer adding, "and he puts up his head on high like a pillar and catcheth away men, and he devours them."



PENCILINGS.
Women live longer than men because they have no one to talk them to death.

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Many a stern man who swears at his office boy trembles when in the presence of his wife.

Occasionally a mother meets a woman who is almost good enough to become the wife of her son.

When the sexes have equal rights will men wear \$9.98 millinery creations and kiss each other on the cheeks?

Shortly after marrying for better or for worse both of the contracting parties can see where they got the worst of it.

A Shadow Clock.

An ingeniously constructed shadow clock has just been invented by Prof. Herth of Lynn, Mass. The essential feature of the invention consists of a lamp, which throws upon the ceiling an optical representation of a small watch.

Named Through Carelessness.
The Los Islands, ceded by England to France, got their name through the carelessness of an engraver. The Portuguese charts described them as Los Bolos, but the engraver who copied from them omitted the noun and only reproduced the article.

Japan Launching Ceremony.

In Japan, instead of "christening" a vessel about to be launched, a large oge full of birds is hung over the prow. Directly the ship is afloat the birds are released, the idea being that the birds thus welcome the ship as she begins her life.

A Giant Electric Crane.

A floating electric crane is used for the loading and unloading of ships in the harbor of Kiel, Prussia. It can easily lift 25 tons at a time.

The Salvation Army



WIT AND WISDOM.

Ethel—Papa, my teacher says I'm getting more like mamma every day.
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When you feel like sighing—sing, Sighing will never pleasure bring, Learn to laugh, you can laugh and laugh right
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Mrs. Wedderly—Our girl reached the limit to-day. She broke only one glass dish.
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Mrs. Wedderly—It was the only one left.

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Successful.
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"My oldest boy's ingenuity."
"How so?"
"He set a steel trap in his stocking to catch Santa Claus."

Half the ills that man is heir to come from indigestion. Burdock Blood Bitters strengthens and tones the stomach; makes indigestion impossible.

A Harbinger.

Mrs. Motherhas—See what a beautiful Christmas present mother has sent you, Henry!
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Giving and Receiving.

It may indeed be more blessed to give than to receive, but when the former luxury is not within one's honest reach, it is blessed, too, to receive from those one thoroughly loves.

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Truth for the Holidays.

"Does mistletoe bear fruit?"
"Yes, my son, very often. Forbidden fruit."

"I had a running, itching, sore on my leg. Suffered tortures. Doan's Ointment took away the burning and itching instantly, and quickly effected permanent cure." C. W. Lenhart, Bowling Green, O.

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ADVANTAGES OF GAS LIGHTING.

Many Points of Superiority of Gas Lighting Over Electricity.
Lighting by coal gas consisted not many years ago in a maximum of heat and a minimum of light. Very little effect was secured from the calorific capacity of the gas, and it was the boast of the electric light men that gas, burned in the gas engine to generate power to drive a dynamo, would produce, despite the intermediate losses, a greater amount of light than could be obtained when the gas was burned in the ordinary manner. But gas lighting with modern methods is far ahead of electricity in all save conveniences, health. The matter of health is not unimportant. The economy in one year over electricity would pay for the ventilation necessary to remove the products of combustion. At this moment electric lighting stands, where it did when first commercially introduced. There has been practically no progress. It is certain that there can be no such progress as will equalize the cost of the two lights so long as electric light depends on steam power for its prime mover. Gas engines will do something to reduce cost, but there can be very little doubt in the mind of any engineer that the plant required for producing the electric light is out of proportion extravagant as compared with that required for gas light.

In coal consumption the incandescent electric light probably demands three times as much as modern gas lighting.—Cassier's Magazine.

Nuisance of the Puckered Mouth.
The man who whistles continually in the streets, the cars, and other places where he can and does annoy others is usually a merely thoughtless. Whistling is a habit, as natural to some natures as breathing. The small boy tries to catch the latest tunes, the musical adult loves to repeat the measure of some tuneless refrain. Apocryphal composer once said that he wrote always to suit the whistle of the boy in the street. If he could produce a composition that could be easily rendered by this means he knew he had a winner. The recent record of street tunes, carried to the uttermost corners of the community by the whistling boys and men, will show what a potent force is the puckered mouth and the vibrant tongue. "Hiawatha" and "Bedelia" would perhaps never have attained their remarkable though short-lived vogue if it had not been for the boys. And back of them for a generation or more are memories of others whistled to death in the streets.—Washington Star.

Cow in a Philadelphia Saloon.
The proverbial bull in the china shop was literally outclassed last night by a rebellious cow, that broke away from its herd and raided two stores and a hotel near Sixteenth and Market streets.

The cow belonged to a herd which was being driven east on Market street to slaughter. When the animals reached Seventeenth and Market streets the cow became stubborn and refused to follow its companions. It trotted away and entered the saloon of Edward (Gronin), at 1618 Market street. There were sixteen or eighteen men kned up around the bar and when Snookie strolled calmly in many of them imagined that a friend of the nether regions had taken new form. There was a wild scamper and the place was deserted in a minute. After knocking a few glasses from the bar the cow left the place.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Ways of Japanese Widows.

Widows in Japan, of whom there will soon unfortunately be a greatly increased number, cut their hair short and comb it back plainly without a parting, unless, indeed, they are prepared to accept offers, in which case they give a broad hint of their inclinations by twisting their hair round a long shell hairpin placed horizontally across the back of the head. Marriagesable maidens distinguish, and, as it were, advertise themselves by combing their locks high in front and arranging them in the form of a butterfly (which is something to be caught), or a fan half open, and adorning these significant designs with bright colored balls and gold or silver cord. Speaking generally, the dressing of the hair, which is changed at intervals from childhood upward, is an indication of the age and position of the simple minded and fascinating female Jap.—London Society.

Was Once a Crossing Sweeper.

At a corner of Portman square, in the west end of London, Mary Brian, a little woman from the Emerald Isle, has been passing her days for the last forty years. By profession she is a crossing sweeper, but her 80 years prohibit much active work now, so that she is usually seen sitting on an upturned box telling her beads or rocking to and fro as she watches the passersby. Rain and shine, she takes her place at the corner early in the morning. A big cotton umbrella shelters her white hair from the storms and a plaid shawl pinned tightly around her neck protects her body from the cold.

Be Cheerful.

Cheerfulness. The root of gladness may be in the heart all right, but it has to blossom out into a sunny face and pleasant words before men will pay the slightest attention to it. The sunny aspect toward the world is the only footing upon which social intercourse can be based.

THE STAGE DOOR GUARDIAN.

Invariably He is Conscientious and Rigid in His Guardianship.
Writing of "the man who guards the Stage Door" in the Theatre Magazine, Wells Hawks, says:
"It has come to be the custom that the stage doorkeeper is an old man. He is generally an old man with a history. He is either despondent over some melancholy fact that if the tide had turned another way he might have been a successful manager, or he is full of reminiscences of the old day of which he loves to talk. Day and night throughout the season he guards his post, knowing and admitting through his door only the members of the company and those other persons he is absolutely sure have a right to enter there. He is generally silent and has no argument. If you are not entitled to admission, there are no words—he simply shuts the door in one's face. Stage doorkeepers are quick to learn the faces of the members of a company playing at the theatres where they guard the entrance to the stage. The star is treated with greatest courtesy—door held open and frequently hat in hand. It is a traditional perquisite for the stage doorkeeper to receive a generous gift from the exalted personage on the last night of the engagement, and there is no stage doorkeeper who does not begin to pave the way for it from the time of the first arrival of the star to the last night of the week, or the run, as the case may be.

"Few players ever omit this gift to the man who guards the door. It is he who keeps back that onslaught of youthful admirers who linger about the stage door for she who seems so beautiful in the limelight's glare, so radiant 'neath the touch of rouge and pencilled cosmetic.

She Wouldn't Split a Pair.

Because she had not time to return for a glove she had dropped, and knowing it would be as useless to the person at whose feet it had fallen as its mate would be to her, a woman tossed the glove she held in her hand after the one that was lost. The incident happened on the stairway to an elevated station.

The woman, richly dressed, was hurrying up the stairs, as if late in keeping an engagement, and was putting on a new pair of gloves that were in keeping with the rest of her attire. One was partly on her hand when the other slipped from her grasp, struck the rail and dropped to the street. As it fell it hit the arm of a plainly dressed girl standing below. The woman paused for the falling glove and met the glance of the startled girl. Then, without stopping in her ascent, she stripped from her hand the glove which she had been putting on and tossed it after its fellow.

Smiling at the girl, she anticipated the thanks she knew would be coming to her, and called out pleasantly: "You are welcome."

Superstitions of Noted Women.

Some people say that all women are superstitious; it would be difficult to prove it, but it is certainly true that many distinguished women are superstitious. George Eliot, deep thinker though she was, was made unhappy by the sight of a hunchback or club-footed man, and did no literary work on the day she encountered one. Rosa Bonheur, the great animal painter, believed that the possession of a little leaved image of St. Anthony of Padua brought her luck. For the same reason Sarah Bernhardt wears a large uncut emerald; while Eleonora Duse pins her faith to the wearing of a little conner box crucifix, made in a Siberian prison. Miss Kussner, the miniature painter, has a talisman in the form of a bracelet woven of silvery-white horsehair from the mane of a shell's favorite Arab. A superstition with which many wives have sympathy was that of Queen Victoria, who believed that misfortune would follow if ever she took off her wedding ring.

Where the Chinese Are.

According to Export, a German geographical paper, there are 7,642,650 Chinese living out of China—as many as the total population of Sweden and Norway. America has comparatively few of them—only 272,829, a few less than the little British island of Hongkong alone boasts. Formosa has 2,600,000, but that used to be Chinese, and they simply haven't moved. Siam is the greatest goal of actual emigration, having 2,500,000 Chinese, who have absorbed pretty much all the active trade of the country.

Children's Rights.

Children, says a writer in "Harper's Bazar," have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

First—The right to live their own lives, not ours.

Second—The right to be bad if lacking in the will to be good, and to learn, in consequence, hard lessons of the expediency of righteousness.

Third—The right to pursue happiness, not to have it thrust upon them. This realization is apt to be a check upon theories; but it does not produce dwarf trees in the domestic garden.

TREATMENT OF MILK FEVER.

Successful Results Attained in Treating This Malady.

Milk fever affects well-nourished, heavy-milking cows in all the large dairy districts of this country, and is characterized by the complete paralysis of the animal shortly after calving. As it attacks the best milking cows in the herd and at a time when the milk flow is the heaviest, the disease is one which has caused very severe losses in our dairy industry. It is, therefore, of the greatest importance that every milk producer acquaint himself with the present extremely successful treatment and should provide himself with a suitable apparatus for injecting sterile air through each teat until the udder is well distended.

This air treatment is by far the most simple and practicable, as well as the most efficacious and harmless one ever used, and has reduced the mortality from the disease to almost nothing. It is easy of manipulation, requires but little time, and is readily accomplished by means of the apparatus suggested.

Up to within recent times most stringent measures were resorted to by every careful dairyman to prevent the disease in his herd. However, since the air treatment has so greatly reduced, and even in some cases obliterated, the mortality, prevention is no longer such an important problem and therefore preventive measures, such as starving, blood-letting, etc., which have a severe and lasting effect upon the animals should be abandoned.

The most recent preventive treatment suggested is in line with the favorable results obtained by the injection of air into the udder. It consists in allowing the susceptible cow to retain in the udder for twenty-four hours following calving all the milk except the small quantity required by the calf. The distension of the udder naturally follows as in the air treatment and acts as a preventive against milk fever.

Preventing Calves From Sucking.

The contrivance for preventing calves sucking their dams, from which the accompanying illustrations are drawn, should be made of a three-quarter inch board of any kind of wood that does not split easily. Cut a block six by four inches, and in this, saw an opening, as seen in the illus-

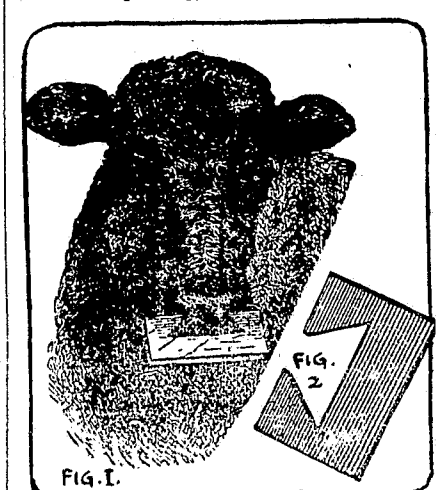


FIG. 1.

tration. Leave the gap between the points just wide enough to admit into the block the cartilage between the nostrils of the calf. If the points are polished with sand-paper, the board will move freely, and allow the animal to graze without injury or much inconvenience. At figure 1 is seen the device attached. Figure 2 represents the block.

Worms in Sheep.

It is believed by many old-timers that the presence of worms in sheep supposed to be affected with loco can easily be explained from the fact that during the hot weather of summer the loco plants emit a sort of sweetish liquid or juice, which attracts certain flies which deposit eggs on the stalks. These develop into worms not unlike those found in the carcasses of sheep. A stalk of the loco plant when broken off during a certain period of summer will disclose these worms in considerable numbers. Some experiments are now being made to demonstrate that death is brought about from this cause and not from poisoning as so many people have always supposed.

Sheep are Good Payers.

If properly understood and handled right the sheep business pays better than any other branch of livestock but nothing goes to grief sooner in this country in the hands of unsuitable men. Sheep are expected to get their living by rustling for themselves the year round and when they have once been over a range they know where the best feed is to be found and invariably make for the coveted places as they travel along. An American herder may see a nice plat of grass and turn his sheep toward it but they never stop, preferring to do their own choosing. Mix-ups often occur on the range.

Suckling Mares.

A mare that is suckling a colt should have her feed increased every day or two. Half oats and half bran is a good ration, if she has grass or hay. She should not be too fat, but should be kept in good order. If worked it will take liberal feeding to do that. Unless well fed, it will not be very long until she will have the appearance of being devoured by her colt.

Immigrants Always Welcome.

It is not only what a man earns that is a benefit to the community, but his very presence is a source of profit to all. A piece of land worth perhaps \$60 an acre in the country doubles and triples in value just as more men settle upon it and that is why desirable immigrants are always welcome additions to any country.

UNIQUE RAILROAD.

Line from Port Said to Cairo, Where Sand is Much Worse Than Snow.

We came down from Port Said to Cairo by railroad, a journey of six hours. The first half was over the finest railway you ever saw—a little narrow gauge built by the canal company as an aid to construction. Its original purpose was to haul away the dirt that was taken out of the ditch and dump it on the desert; then it was used to transport supplies from one point on the canal to another, and finally, when Port Said became a great port of entry for passengers, the rails were relaid, the track was ballasted, and diminutive trains were put on, hauled by locomotives that look like toys, but do their business promptly and well.

This line runs the entire length of the canal, which is 87 miles, parallel with the bank, and belongs to the canal company. Recently the Egyptian government has made an arrangement so that the track will be widened to a standard gauge, and hereafter through trains can be run from one end of Egypt to the other.

Nowadays passengers between Cairo and points along the canal, have to change at Ismailia, the half-way station on lake Timsah and the chief port of the canal. Rails and iron ties are stacked up on both sides of the track the entire distance between Port Said and Ismailia, and thousands of men are at work on construction. It is comparatively easy to build a railway in this section of Egypt, because there are no rains, no frosts, no rocks, no grade, no curves and no obstructions but hillocks and sand. At the same time the drifting of the sand is continuous and compels the railway managers to keep gangs of men constantly at work shoveling it off the right of way.

It is even worse than the snow in the northern latitudes of the United States. The railroads in the southwestern territories of our country have similar difficulties. In fact, there is as much resemblance between deserts as there is between peach orchards, and a gentleman from the Death valley of Southern California would feel quite at home on the Lybian sands. Cairo letter in Chicago Record-Herald.

Cabby's Long Journey to Collect Fare.

A story is told to-day of a Paris cabman who, it is alleged, followed an authentic English lord in the train to Calais, leaving his horse and cab outside the Gare du Nord terminus. The lord took the cab at his hotel, and told the driver to go as quickly as possible to the station for the Calais express.

At the terminus the nobleman tendered the cabman a 100-franc note, which the cabman could not change. "Wait a bit," said his lordship, "I'll pay you at the ticket office."

Cabby went with the nobleman into the station, but when the ticket was taken the lord, hearing the words, "Express Calais, en voiture," rushed wildly to his carriage, followed by the driver.

Lord Blank had only just time to take his seat when the train started, and cabby, who had also entered the express, was whirled away to Calais town. En route he was paid by the nobleman, who also defrayed the cabby's journey to the north and back. On returning to Paris cabby found that his horse and vehicle were impounded.—London Daily Telegraph.

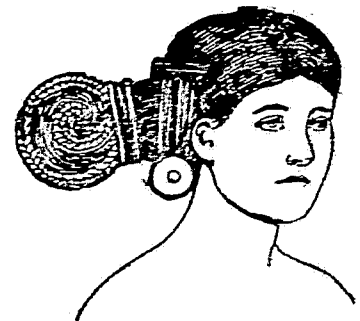
Birds Without Wings and Tails.

In New Zealand is found the kiwi, a strange bird of the ostrich family. Ostriches have two toes, but the extinct moas had three toes; so also have the existing emus, cassowaries and rheas or South American ostriches. The kiwi, however, differs from the other stouthous birds in having four toes. Further, the kiwi cannot be said to be quite ostrichlike,

for in size it is not larger than an ordinary barnyard fowl. It has a small head, with a large and muscular neck and a long, slender bill, with the distinguishing feature that the nostrils are placed very close to its tip. The legs are short but the muscles on the thighs are well developed and the feet are strong and powerful and provided with sharp claws. It is a bird devoid of any external trace of wings, and there is no trace of tail visible, while it is covered with long, narrow, hairlike feathers, and on the fore part of the head and sides of the face are straggling hair-like feelers.

A Colleague of Other Days.

The belle of ancient India wore her hair tied by a jewelled band two or



three inches back of her head and then braided into an enormous ball two-thirds the size of her head.

Grows Needles and Thread.

The Mexican maguay tree furnishes a needle and thread all ready for use. At the tip of each dark green leaf is a slender thorn needle that must be carefully drawn from its sheath, at the same time it slowly unwinds the thread, a strong smooth fibre attached to the needle and capable of being drawn out to a great length.

THE FLYING PLUM

Curious Story of Fruit in New York For the First Time.

A New York florist had introduced the first flying plum from Japan. It belongs to both Kyoto and Chikuzen, and is much used by the little brown men for spring festivals. The flying plum gets its name from two sources. Its blossoms are like fairy wings, the choicest having double petals, and its fruit resembles beautifully shaped eggs. But any musume will tell you the real story of the tree.

A good man named Michizane had a favorite plum tree in his garden, beneath which he sat and wrote verses and other things. In some of the other things he must have inscribed thoughts that displeased his Shogun, for he was exiled from Kyoto to Chikuzen. Michizane bemoaned his fate, but wept bitterest over the loss of his plum tree. So he prayed to the gods to send it to him. One April day as he walked forth from his bungalow the plum tree came flying toward him. He greeted it with prayer and called it Tobiume, or sacred flying plum. It is probably the only tree in the world that has tablets, shrines, and pagodas built in its honor.

The "Four Hundred" are making a fad of the flying plum, and the blossoming trees are to be added to many estates in New York's vicinity this spring. They will be planted and trained as in the homeland. Aesthetic Japanese gardeners like the tree to be all branches, with scarcely any trunk. Over the surface of the trunk that does show they grow a fine moss. Hence the saying: "Plum blossoms seem most delightful when growing from silver moss." Some up-to-date matrons are bound to introduce the springlike festival to the flying plum. Tiny invitations are sent out on red paper to this fete, and it is held under the trees. Each guest writes a poem and hangs it on the blossoming branches. Sometimes birds in cages are placed in the bushes and fill the place with music. Then mooncakes, pickled plums, and sake or tea are

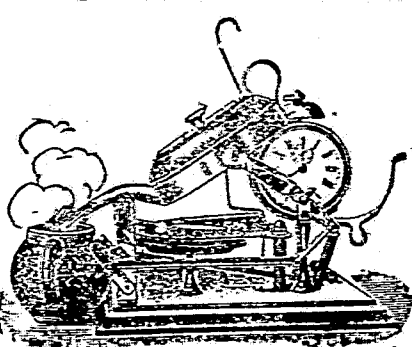
served, or perhaps the pickled plum song is sung:

Umeboshi-san
To in hito wa,
Ashi kara kao made
Shiwa-yotte
Are wa sui
Kore wa sui
Sui, sui, sui.

An Automatic Tea Maker.

To English inventiveness is due the most recent acquisition in the line of automatic contrivances, the invention being one especially calculated to appeal to the housewife. It is termed an automatic tea-maker and the accompanying illustration gives a comprehensive idea of its appearance. From the London Queen comes the following description of the working of the apparatus:

"An alarm clock is connected with a spirit lamp and a kettle, and when the alarm goes off it releases a shutter



which covers the spirit lamp, and as it flies back the shutter strikes a match—duly placed for the purpose—which lights the lamp, and thus heats the water in the kettle. As soon as this water boils, a deft arrangement of wires causes the kettle to tilt and pour its contents into the pot set ready to receive it, the same action ringing a little gong to announce the pouring out of the water, and also automatically extinguishing the lamp. The alarm can be set for any time desired, the result following as a matter of course."

The machine is provided with a small and convenient traveling case and this being portable it is available for a variety of purposes.

A Somnambulist Dancer.

Somnambulist dancing is one of the latest methods of the expression of music. A young Russian girl is the "sleep dancer," as she is called, and her enigmatic ability was discovered by a Parisian magnetopath. While in a hypnotic condition this young woman, whose first name is Madeleine and whose last name is designated only by the initial "G," will act out in pantomime the feeling in a piece of music that is played before her. Her peculiar talent has excited much attention from writers, artists and students.

Roosters That Do Not Crow.

George F. Nachway of Seattle owns two roosters, both full grown but silent. Neither of them has shown the slightest desire to crow. Whether they are deaf and dumb, Nachway does not know, but they can't, don't or won't crow. In all other respects they are like other roosters. The crowless fowls are hybrids—a cross of Black Spanish with Wyandottes.

A Large Diamond.

There has been exhibited in London a diamond, which is the second largest gem of its description in the world. It weighs 336½ carats. It is of a yellowish color and worth about \$10,000. If the color had been better, the stone would have been worth a fabulous amount. It was recently extracted from the Otos Kople diamond mines at Kimberly.—Scientific American.

The shallowest parts of the ocean are the Baltic and Adriatic seas, each of which has an average depth of 22 to 23 fathoms.

NOW FOR PURE FOOD.

Results of the New Law to Regulate Adulteration.

One of the most important acts ever passed by Congress, so far as the health of the people is concerned, is the law approved March 3, 1903, authorizing the secretary of agriculture to investigate the adulteration of foods and drugs, to supervise the importation of food products intended for exportation to countries requiring physical or chemical inspection of foods entering their ports and to fix a standard of purity for foods.

The pure food law, as it is called, was supposed to be mainly for the purpose of "getting back" at those countries (Germany, for example) which have excluded some of our foods and food products, on the ground that they were not healthful. Our canned beef is excluded from France and Germany because of the fear of ptomaines. Germany some time ago excluded pork, and some countries do not like our fresh beef because it is supposed to be preserved with boric acid. Be that as it may, it is known that Dr. H. W. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry of the Department of Agriculture, has for years been working to secure the passage of a law by Congress to prevent the adulteration of foods in this country, and in that work he has had the hearty support of the New York Society of Medical Jurisprudence.

The new law ought to accomplish two objects. It should not only enable the Department of Agriculture to prevent the adulteration of domestic foods and liquors. It is also hoped that by a system of certification as to their purity, etc., it may be the means of overcoming foreign prejudice against some of our articles of food, and of removing existing barriers against their sale in other countries.

In some quarters it is said that the law was expressly designed for the benefit of the owners of the California vineyards; that if adulterated cheap wines could not be imported there would be a much larger consumption of the domestic brands of clarets, etc. The imported brands of cheap wines have to be adulterated, it is said, with a small percentage of alcohol, because of the variability of the American climate. The importers of the cheap wines say that the percentage of alcohol added to the wines is only enough to preserve them, and is not enough to make them unhealthful or bring them within what would be known as adulterated wines. But that will be for Dr. Wiley and the Department of Agriculture to determine. In any event the act should operate for the benefit of the public's internal economy, so far as its health is considered, and will enable the public, if it so desires, to be reasonably sure as to the composition of what it is eating and drinking.

At present Dr. Wiley and several experts are at work making up a list of imported articles that are known to be subject to the law, and also a list of those articles which may be suspected of adulteration. In enforcing the law against adulterated foods, whenever the secretary of agriculture has reason to believe that articles are being imported which, by reason of adulteration, are dangerous to the health of the people of the United States, or that their sale has been forbidden in the countries where they are made, or that they have been falsely labelled, he is empowered to obtain at the Custom House specimen original packages or samples from the importations for the purpose of analysis. If such articles are found to be adulterated such goods shall not be delivered to the consignee.—N. Y. Commercial.

Management of Cream.

The management of the cream is the most particular of all the special points in butter-making, both as regards the quantity and the quality of the butter. Sweet cream makes less butter, and that of a less pleasant flavor than soured cream. But if the souring is carried too far the flavor of the butter is deteriorated, as the acidity has ens the production of those volatile acids which when in excess produce that condition which is known as rancidity. It is to the very moderate quantity of these acids in the butter that the pleasant nutty flavor and peculiar agreeable odor of good butter are due. The proper condition of the cream is called ripeness. The ripening of cream consists in the production of a certainty of lactic acid in the milk, of which the larger part—from sixty to seventy-five per cent.—of the cream consists. The quantity of acid in the cream should be no more than is sufficient to give it a mild, pleasant-sour taste, and this may be produced precisely by the following methods with shallow or deep cold setting respectively.

Keep Accounts.

Book farming will this month especially manifest its advantages. The book we have in mind is the memorandum book, and we doubt if any one who has made such a book his daily companion through the season, entering in it everything which is desirable to remember, would willingly give it up, being sure that when ever book farming is sneered at it cannot be this kind. Let the book be large enough and strong enough, but not too large to carry about; better use two or more when one is filled. Books of this sort are worth preserving, and it is pleasant to refer to them in after years.

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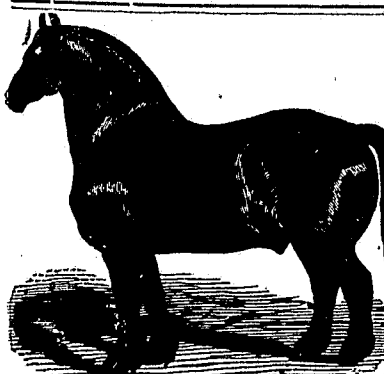
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